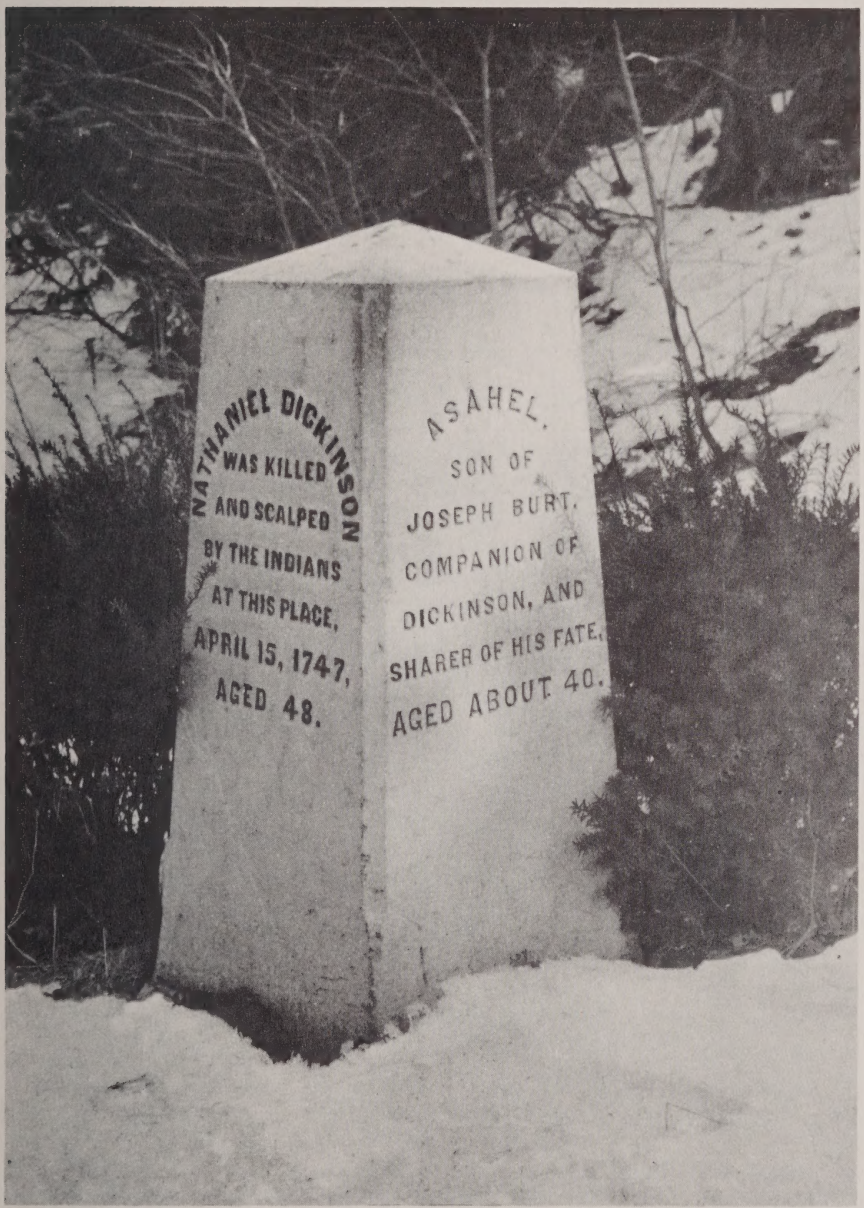
# TOWN REPORT 1974




# NORTHFIELD
# MASSACHUSETTS

MONUMENT RETURNED TO TOWN OF NORTHFIELD -- after one hundred and three years.

Nathaniel Dickinson
was killed by the
Indians at this place
April 15, 1747 AE. 48

These lines are cut on a simple slate slab recently discovered by Mr. Roger Bassett on his property in West Northfield and which he has presented to the Town of Northfield.

The event, 228 years ago, described so simply in stone was the aftermath of Mons.Debline's assault with a large French and Indian army on Fort No. 4 on April 4, 1747. "A small part of that force steered for Northfield, and lay in ambush to the northward of the town. April 15, a little after sunset they killed and scalped Nathaniel Dickinson and Asahel Burt as they were bringing the cows from Pauchaug Meadow."*

"Dickinson's horse was on the right hand as they travelled, and his body was found lying outside the road bed. A rude stone was set on the exact spot. Burt's body was in the road, so that a stone could not be placed on the spot; and for convenience it was set close beside that to Dickinson. Both have disappeared; and a substantial granite monument has been erected by some of Dickinson's great-grand children. It stands on the opposite side of the way and about two rods to the northward of the spot where Dickinson was scalped."*

On Sept. 12, 1872 at the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association Field Meeting held in West Northfield, the present granite monument was dedicated, and given to the Town of Northfield by Nathaniel Dickinson's great-grand children and the Memorial Association.

From the proceedings of that meeting we read, "There have been stones before to mark the place, but boys were allowed to desecrate and mar them and sportsmen found these rude tablets convenient targets on which to test their skill. One stone and then another had become broken and their inscriptions almost illegible."**

At this same meeting Dea. Phineas Field said, "A plain slab has hitherto marked the spot where this deed was done. That slab is now superseded by a substantial monument, which we this day dedicate."**

The inscription on the old slab: Nathaniel Dickinson was killed by the Indians at this place April 15, 1747 AE. 48; on the monument: Nathaniel Dickinson was killed and scalped by the Indians at this place Apr. 15, 1747, Aged 48.

Thus from historical record we find that the very earliest stones had been vandalized, but there is little doubt that the recently discovered monument is the 'plain slab' mentioned by Dea. Phineas Field in his address to the P.V.M.A. Field Meeting one hundred and three years ago, and described by Temple and Sheldon in their History of Northfield in 1875 as missing.

It is also most interesting to note that Mr. Bassett presently lives in the house built circa 1831 in West Northfield by Nathaniel Dickinson's grandson, Nathaniel Porter Dickinson, and it would have been this Nathaniel Porter's children who were the sponsors of the

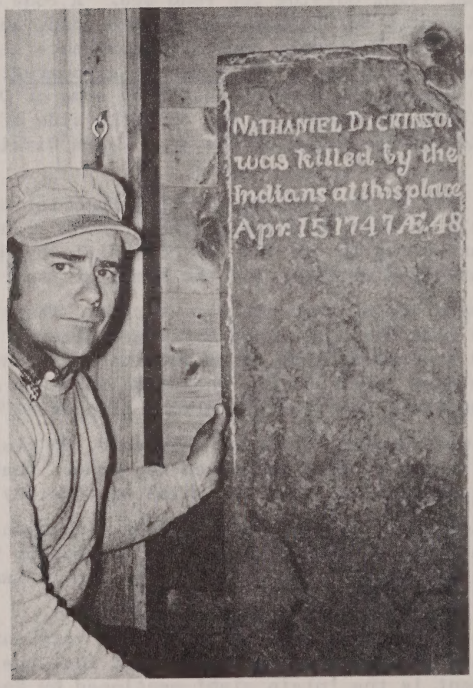
five foot granite pyramid monument dedicated in 1872.

It is also of note that it was Elijah, great-grandson of Nathaniel, of the monument, who donated Dickinson Library to the town in 1897. Of the descendants of Burt, we know nothing.

Few towns have such tangible evidence of their early settlement to share with today's residents. Northfield is indebted to Mr. Bassett for his generous gift.

* History of Northfield, Temple and Sheldon, 1875.
** Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, Proceedings, Vol I.

Photographs - courtesy of Mrs. Everon Pollen



ANNUAL REPORTS

OF

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

of the TOWN of

NORTHFIELD

MASSACHUSETTS

For the year ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1974

## TOWN OFFICERS

April 1974 to April 1975

### MODERATOR

Corys M. Heselton

### TOWN CLERK

Horace F. Field

### SELECTMEN

| | |
|---|---|
| Thomas J. Russell, Jr., Chairman | Term expires April 1975 |
| Frederick J. Billiel | Term expires April 1976 |
| Carolyn B. Parenteau | Term expires April 1977 |

### ASSESSORS

| | |
|---|---|
| Warren E. Whitney, Chairman & Clerk | Term expires April 1975 |
| William G. Roberts | Term expires April 1976 |
| Donald C. Henderson, Jr. | Term expires April 1977 |

### TAX COLLECTOR

| | |
|---|---|
| Gordon W. Leavis | Term expires April 1975 |

### TREASURER

| | |
|---|---|
| Noelle T. Anson | Term expires April 1976 |

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | |
|---|---|
| Philip N. Nelson | Term expires April 1975 |
| Wallace E. Stange, Chairman | Term expires April 1976 |
| Thomas R. Shearer | Term expires April 1977 |

### PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | |
|---|---|
| John H. Thayer | Term expires April 1975 |
| Guy H. Cote | Term expires April 1976 |

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

| | |
|---|---|
| Margaret Lloyd Jones | Term expires April 1975 |
| Henry B. Prescott, Jr. | Term expires April 1975 |
| Evelyn H. Parker | Term expires April 1976 |
| William H. Hawley, Chairman | Term expires April 1976 |
| Luman A. Barber | Term expires April 1977 |
| Mary E. Metcalf | Term expires April 1977 |

### CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

| | |
|---|---|
| Richard H. Bassett | Term expires April 1975 |
| Roger E. Bassett | Term expires April 1976 |
| Horace F. Field | Term expires April 1977 |

### TREE WARDEN

| | |
|---|---|
| Richard H. Bassett | Term expires April 1976 |

## CONSTABLES

| | |
|---|---|
| Joseph Medeiros | Term expires April 1977 |
| Joseph G. Morgan | Term expires April 1977 |
| Joseph J. DeMaria | Term expires April 1977 |
| William J. Young | Term expires April 1977 |

## PLANNING BOARD

| | |
|---|---|
| John Carson, Chairman | Term expires April 1975 |
| Norman F. Fowler | Term expires April 1976 |
| Richard G. Parsons (resigned)<br>John C. Trumbull (appointed) | Term expires April 1977 |
| Evelyn H. Becker | Term expires April 1978 |
| Ronald R. Findlay | Term expires April 1979 |

## BOARD OF HEALTH

| | |
|---|---|
| Rua J. Bickford, Chairman | Term expires April 1975 |
| John F. Jurkowski | Term expires April 1976 |
| John F. Ladd | Term expires April 1977 |

## SEWER COMMISSIONERS

| | |
|---|---|
| Antonio P. Tosi | Term expires April 1975 |
| Allen M. Sibley, Chairman | Term expires April 1976 |
| Louis W. Koonz | Term expires April 1977 |

## APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

| | |
|---|---|
| Wallace F. Reddy | Term expires April 1975 |
| Stanley J. Powers | Term expires July 1975 |
| Dwight P. Stearns, Secretary | Term expires July 1976 |
| Stanley T. Wickey, Chairman | Term expires July 1976 |
| Charles W. Llewelyn, Jr. | Term expires July 1977 |
| Edward M. Powell, Jr. | Term expires July 1977 |

## RECREATION COMMISSION

William R. Giles, Chairman
Frank R. Foster, III
Mrs. David Gibson (resigned)
Mrs. William Messer (appointed)
Charles E. Welner (resigned)
Sally F. Lindgren (appointed)
Margaret L. Zabko
Mrs. Donald Snow
Joanne Quinn (resigned)
Mrs. Roland Schoepf (appointed)

## 1974-1975 JURY LIST

Leonard W. Barnes
Horace W. Bolton
Katherine M. Clough
David C. Cook
James E. Dresser
Erwin T. Kilgore
Harold A. Newton
Henry S. Paulin
Dorothy M. Phelps
Wilbur Podlenski
Richard A. Powers
Stanley J. Powers
Ross L. Spencer, Jr.
Eleanor B. Stange
Norma A. Stearns
Ray K. Thompson
Antonio P. Tosi
Evelyn U. True
Donald E. Turner
Debra M. Whitney

## APPOINTMENTS BY SELECTMEN FOR 1975

### ACCOUNTANT

Ethel D. Fowler — Term expires July 1975

### CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Clesson M. Field, Jr.

### ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

Edward Davis

### CAPTAIN

David G. Quinn, Sr.

### DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

Edward Davis
Ernest Lawrence
Marvin Holloway

### CHIEF OF POLICE

Brian J. Scott

### SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Eugene L. Miller
Joseph J. DeMaria
Dwight P. Stearns
David A. Miller
William J. Young
Edward M. Powell, Jr.
Harold F. Bigelow, Jr.
Walford L. Meacham
Shirley A. Thompson
Loreli M. Stearns
Richard Harper (Bernardston)

### SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER FOR SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

Harold L. Johnson
Frederick G. Parker
David G. Quinn, Sr.
David G. Quinn, Jr.
John D. Ware
Alan S. Bolton

### SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Alan S. Bolton — Term expires April 1975

### GYPSY MOTH AGENT

Richard H. Bassett

### PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Dorothy Banash
Domenic J. Ferrante
Frank S. Kelley
Warren E. Whitney
Edward S. Dwight
Edward Connors, Jr.
Thomas J. Russell, Jr.
Rita Medeiros

### ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Gilbert S. Hammond — Term expires April 1975

## FIELD DRIVERS AND FENCE VIEWERS

James E. Dresser, Jr. — Paul T. Gorzocoski
Fredd M. Fuller

## SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND TIMBER

James E. Dresser

## DOG OFFICER

Ralph G. Worden (resigned) — Ernest Lawrence (appointed)

## FOREST WARDEN

Richard H. Bassett

## TOWN SANITARIAN

Antonio P. Tosi

## PLUMBING INSPECTORS

Frederick D. MacNeil — Everon P. Pollen

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

| | |
|---|---|
| John A. Hogan | Term expires April 1975 |
| Doris S. Balk | Term expires April 1976 |
| Laurence M. Hammond | Term expires April 1977 |

## ELECTION OFFICERS

| | |
|---|---|
| James R. Dale | Ann P. James |
| Catherine E. Gilbert | Edward M. Powell, Jr. |
| Helen M. Greene | Helen M. Stearns |

## SUBSTITUTE ELECTION OFFICERS

| | |
|---|---|
| Dolores R. Avery | Mychaeline H. Skinner |
| Mary L. Holton | Dorena G. Johnson |

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

| | |
|---|---|
| Irwin M. Severance, Chairman | Term expires April 1975 |
| Gladys C. Bistrek | Term expires April 1975 |
| Stanley T. Wickey | Term expires April 1976 |
| Fred Avery | Term expires April 1976 |
| Peter E. Ladzinski, Jr. | Term expires April 1976 |
| Shirley Carson | Term expires April 1977 |
| Carolyn M. Spencer | Term expires April 1977 |

## BOARD OF APPEALS

| | |
|---|---|
| Harvey H. Hatheway, Chairman | Term expires December 1975 |
| Harold A. Newton | Term expires December 1976 |
| Robert G. Barnes | Term expires December 1977 |
| Evelyn U. True | Term expires December 1978 |
| Stanley Gorzocoski | Term expires December 1979 |
| Desmond S. Chambers, Assoc. Mem. | Term expires December 1975 |
| Edward C. Bolton, " " | Term expires December 1975 |
| Raymond C. Waterman, " " | Term expires December 1975 |

## BUILDING COMMISSIONER

| | |
|---|---|
| Antonio P. Tosi | Term expires June 1975 |

## INSPECTOR OF GAS PIPING & GAS APPLIANCES

| | |
|---|---|
| Howard E. Williams | Term expires Dec. 1975 |

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

| | |
|---|---|
| Rosa S. Johnston, Chairman | Term expires June 1977 |
| Evelyn Parker | Term expires June 1977 |
| Jonathan Fowler (resigned) | Term expires June 1977 |
| Patricia E. Shearer (appointed) | |
| Beverly Leyden | Term expires June 1976 |
| Owen Stacey | Term expires June 1976 |
| Harold Carroll | Term expires June 1975 |
| Doris S. Balk | Term expires June 1975 |

## BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

| | |
|---|---|
| Ray Thompson, Chairman | Term expires January 1977 |
| Virginia E. Leach | Term expires January 1977 |
| Virginia C. Schoepf | Term expires January 1977 |
| Agnes G. Caron | Term expires January 1977 |
| Russell H. Edes | Term expires January 1977 |

## BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS

| | |
|---|---|
| Harold A. Newton | Term expires January 1976 |
| Evelyn U. True | Term expires January 1977 |
| Robert G. Barnes | Term expires January 1978 |
| Stanley Gorzocoski | Term expires January 1979 |
| Harvey H. Hatheway | Term expires January 1980 |

## FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Marian A. Holbrook

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The year 1974 was another busy year for the Board of Selectmen with activities required by the Annual Town Meeting being carried out and additional projects pursued throughout the year.

Revenue Sharing allotment was used to purchase the following:

1. Loader for the Town Highway Department, ($12,397 from Rev. Sharing, balance transferred from Chap. 1140, Sec. 22)
2. Cruiser for Police Department, ($3,800 appropriated, awaiting delivery)
3. Base radio equipment for the Fire Department - $1,000.

Due to the enforcement of the State Building Code, $2,300 was appropriated from Revenue Sharing allotment to employ a Building Commissioner for the Town.

The establishing of a Town Historical Commission of seven members was fulfilled as required by vote of the Annual Town Meeting, as was the reconstituting of the Northfield Recreation Commission to become an elective body.

On May 7th the Selectmen accepted the generous gift of a Memorial plaque bearing the names of Northfield Selectmen dating from 1718 to the present time from the Town of Deerfield in commemoration of Northfield's 300th Anniversary. This Memorial is now on display in the lobby of the Town Hall.

In June, Dr. Ward Motts, Hydrogeologist with the Dept. of Geology and Geography at the Univ. of Mass., undertook the task of making the Impact Study at the site of the proposed Sanitary Landfill on the old Davis property. His report confirmed the fact that this site would not be suitable for a landfill without extensive modifications of the area, and that the area could possibly prove to be a potential water source for the Town. Report filed with B/S.

A State Audit of Town records was made early in the summer and were found to be in order.

In August the former Rev. Ralph Rood home at 144 Main Street was demolished in preparation for the erection of the branch bank to be built by the Greenfield Co-operative Bank. Construction of the new bank started in October with a possible completion date sometime in May of 1975.

The railroad crossing on Mt. Hermon Sta. Road was reconstructed by the Boston and Maine Corp. this fall with some grading of the approaches to the crossing still to be done by the Town Highway Department in 1975.

For the first time in over fifty years, the Town went 'Wet' with the voting in favor of all alcoholic beverages at the November Election.

As requested at the December 17th Special Town Meeting, a Building Code Board of Appeals consisting of five members has been established to hear appeals in conjunction with the Building Commissioner's actions.

There were 67 Building Permits issued in 1974, totaling $453,529.00.

Unresolved issues at the close of the year are the case of Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Woodard vs. the Town Bd. of Health and Bd. of Selectmen in their effort to obtain permission to construct a privy on their property on 4-Mile Brook Road, and the survey of Schell Bridge. At present, the Bd. of Selectmen are in the process of procuring estimates for an evaluation of the bridge structure.

Due to the rising economic situation, the Bd. of Selectmen, with the assistance of the Finance Committee, are facing the enormous task of doing their best to keep the level of taxation at a minimum so that the citizens of Northfield can continue to carry on their lives in a normal manner.

In conclusion, the Bd. of Selectmen with to express their gratitude for the cooperation received by the many Boards, Committees and individual citizens of the Town in their efforts toward the goal of making Northfield a better Town.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Thomas J. Russell, Jr., Chairman
Frederick J. Billiel
Carolyn B. Parenteau

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

This year, the normal maintenance such as patching, oiling, and culvert replacement was accomplished. Numerous gravel roads were built up to eliminate water and mud.

New Road and part of the Old Wendell Road were penetrated.

The new construction work was done on Mt. Hermon Sta. Road. More drainage was installed to eliminate localized flooding. The road was penetrated and some finish work was accomplished.

Thank you for the new loader we bought. It has been a great asset to the department.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan S. Bolton

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

## POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Northfield, Mass.

The following is a report of Police activities for the calendar year, 1974:

| | | | |
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| Registration checks | 47 | Breaking & Enterings | 12 |
| Breaking & Entering & Larceny | 8 | Larceny | 39 |
| Animals | 79 | Arrests | 28 |
| Stolen Vehicles | 6 | Drunkeness | 2 |
| Lacivious Person | 7 | Prowlers | 16 |
| Assault | 5 | Burglar Alarm | 17 |
| Vandalism | 63 | Missing Persons | 17 |
| Disturbed Persons | 11 | Family Problems | 30 |
| Runaways | 7 | Miscellaneous | 103 |
| Obscene Persons | 5 | Ambulance | 5 |
| Citations | 104 | Stolen Property | 1 |
| Accidents | 44 | Stubborn Child | 1 |
| Unsecured Buildings | 7 | Bad Checks | 12 |
| Arson/Fire | 5 | Summons | 13 |
| Suspicious Persons | 27 | Snowmobile | 3 |
| Disturbing Peace | 34 | Radar Stops | 85 |
| Drugs | 15 | VIN Checks | 40 |
| | | House Checks | 28 |
| | | Assist Motorist | 17 |

The year 1974 saw another increase in Police calls over the preceding year. The total calls to the Police Department in 1974 were 1,798 calls. This represents an increase of approximately 10% over the year before. The largest increase occurred in the area of larcenies. I urge the citizens of this community to report any suspicious activities that they observe, especially those in and around private residences and places of business, so that the rising problem of larceny and vandalism might be curbed. In the cases of larceny and vandalism it is imperative that the citizens of Northfield assist their Police Department in every way possible, for without their help, successful prosecution becomes more difficult.

I would like to commend the Police officers of my department for their outstanding work during the preceding year. The quality of their work, as far as I am concerned, compares favorably with any full time Police Department in the County.

With the continued cooperation of the residents of Northfield, the Police Department will remain an effective deterrent to crime and a valuable service to the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian J. Scott

CHIEF OF POLICE

## REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

The Department answered a total of 73 calls of various kinds which are catalogued below:

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| Structural fires | 16 |
| Electrical | 6 |
| Chimney fires | 3 |
| Dump | 4 |
| Mutual Aid | 3 |
| Vehicles fires | 8 |
| Forest | 4 |
| Grass | 7 |
| Vehicle Accidents | 4 |
| Resusitator | 1 |
| Odors | 2 |
| Arson | 4 |
| Miscellaneous | 9 |
| Lost hunter | 1 |
| Injured person in woods | 1 |

We were again faced with a number of house fires this winter, due to the energy crisis, as more people are using fireplaces and stoves. Some fires were caused by improper installation of stoves and others were caused by bad chimneys in the older houses.

There were three house fires caused by arson, with major damage to two of them, and minor damage to the other. With the able assistance of Police Chief Brian Scott and the state Fire Marshall we hope to bring this investigation to a close very shortly.

We have added one more fire pond in West Northfield, and we hope to have it completed this spring. As this is our only means of water supply, we hope to keep these ponds cleaned and maintained in the coming years.

The Bd. of Selectmen have agreed to post an article in the Town Warrant this coming April at my request, for a new custom pumper to replace our present truck. I feel that the townspeople should be aware that our present truck is twenty-two years old and it is becoming very difficult to acquire parts for it. The Maxim Company has notified us that all the parts for our present truck have been discontinued, so it has been difficult to keep it in repair. This pumper is our #1 line truck, and will continue to be so until it is replaced by another pumper of its equivalent.

I know this is a poor time to ask for a new truck, but I feel with the Revenue Sharing, or Stabalization Fund, that it may be possible to acquire at least an order for one. This Dept. has been advised by different manufacturers, that a new truck will take at least 18 to 36 months from the date of order to deliver. The cost of this truck will be approximately $60,000 depending on date of order.

With the beginning of the calendar year 1975 all buildings that are constructed must be equipped with a fire alarm system, and all building plans submitted to the Building Commissioner will be viewed by myself. It will be my job to mark the plans as to where the alarms must be located, and an inspection will be made during and after completion of the structure.

I wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the twenty-six officers and men of the Fire Department for their support of myself and my various projects which I hope have made a better Department. These men have taken money from their own funds to acquire various pieces of equipment which they have given to the Town. They have also purchased their own monitors and radios so their response to a fire can be that much quicker, knowing that the first five minutes at a fire are more important than the next five hours.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Police Dept., Highway Dept., Bd. of Health, and all the other depts. I have worked with for their tremendous support.

I especially wish to thank the people of Northfield for their find support of the Fire Dept. and those hot cups of coffee on those cold early mornings.

Our Department could not make this report complete without the heartfelt thanks of myself and the men, for the wonderful job the girls have done on the fire phones, with their quick and efficient response on receiving the calls and getting the men to the fire.

It is with sadness that we note the passing of Stanley E. Johnson on August 1, 1974 and Alfred Holton on December 17, 1974, two of our former comrades in the Fire Dept. These men will be greatly missed by the Department as they were instrumental in founding of the original department.

Respectfully submitted,

Clesson M. Field, Jr.

FIRE CHIEF

## REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Again this year we are fortunate to have had only nine brush and grass fires. With the help of my deputy Wardens keeping a close watch during the dry season, and our numerous patrols through the woods, we feel we have contributed in a small way to the prevention of forest fires.

Between the 15th of March and the 15th of April I issued 90 permits for brush burning. The forest wardens have kept a close watch on all permits issued in 1974 and we did not have a single violation. Again this year we are going to issue permits for the same period, with, I hope, the same good results.

After the first snow we burned the brush at the Town Dump, and we have cleaned away a new spot for brush to be piled this year.

As we are still under the burning ban, we cannot issue any permits until the month of March to April.

Respectfully submitted,

Clesson M. Field, Jr.

FOREST WARDEN

## REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY INSPECTOR

All public and private schools, public buildings, churches, hotels and communes in Northfield have been inspected in accordance with Massachusetts law.

Fire protection equipment has been retested, recharged, or replaced as necessary.

Fire drills were held at Pioneer Valley Regional School, Center School, and Linden Hill School with very good results. The Fire Dept. feels that these drills should be held at least three times a year.

With the increase of wood-burning stoves and fireplaces, the Public Safety Inspector has inspected an increasing number of chimneys, stoves and fireplaces, in addition to the usual oil burner, gas tank, and propane tank installations.

I would like to thank all the Town and school officials as well as the townspeople for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Clesson M. Field, Jr.

PUBLIC SAFETY INSPECTOR

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board met on fourteen occasions during the last year to consider requests for special permits and variances. Two special permits were granted; four were denied. Four variances were granted.

By a vote of a Special Town Meeting held August 28, 1973, the makeup of the Board of Appeals was changed from three regular members to five, and from two Associate members to three.

Respectfully submitted,

Members:
Robert G. Barnes
Stanley Gorzocoski
Harold A. Newton
Evelyn U. True
Harvey H. Hatheway, Chairman

Associate Members:
Edward C. Bolton
Desmond S. Chambers
Raymond C. Waterman

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The principal activities of the Planning Board during 1974 were as follows:

Revision of the Town Map was completed, as required by the Master Plan Project. Part of the revision cost was offset by sale of map copies during the year.

A questionnaire was distributed to all households in Town to obtain residents' opinions on a variety of subjects.

A Planning Board proposal to increase minimum lot size and dimensions was rejected at the Annual Town Meeting.

In February, the Superior Court dismissed the Planning Board appeal concerning the location of a bank.

The multiple housing moratorium was extended on September 10, 1974 for eight months.

Public hearings were called by the Board to inform residents of the effect on Northfield of the Federal Flood Insurance Program, and the proposed Franklin County Land Use Bill.

Sixty-three residents have agreed to participate in discussing Master Plan questions, to provide guidance to the Planning Board, and these discussions will begin in early 1975. The Board will welcome any other residents who would like to help with this important project.

In December the Selectmen, at the request of the Planning Board, applied for a CETA Planning Assistant to work under the direction of the Planning Board during 1975. This is a federally funded position, at no cost or obligation to the Town.

With the cooperation of the University of Massachusetts Outreach Program, the Board obtained the assistance of Jean Rappaport, a senior in the University planning program, for eight months during 1974 at no cost to the Town. Work in this activity were Master Plan data gathering, and map revision. The Board would like to thank Miss Rappaport for her energetic and enthusiastic help.

In addition, the Planning Board conducted the usual functions of plan review, representation of Northfield on the Franklin County Planning Board, presentation of a Planning Board opinion at Board of Appeals hearings, and review of State and County proposals that could affect the Town of Northfield.

Respectfully submitted,

John Carson
Chairman

## TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

To the Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Northfield:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1974. This past year 20 trees had to be removed, being dead or a hazard to the streets or highways. We also trimmed trees of dead wood along some of the streets.

This spring 6 trees were planted along our streets. Flowers were planted in front of the Town Hall, Water Fountain, Alexander Hall, V.F.W. Hall, West Northfield Playground Flagpole, Fire Station, and on five stumps.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard H. Bassett

TREE WARDEN

## MOTH SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

During the year, 38 diseased Elm trees were removed. There were 47 samples taken and sent to the Shade Tree Laboratories for culture. A total of 47 trees were found positive and they should be removed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the men in my department for their splendid cooperation in helping me carry out the various programs this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard H. Bassett

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

## REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

From the middle of March when I took the job as Dog Officer until the end of December, numerous calls were answered. Forty dogs were picked up, some more than once. Most were claimed by their owners within a day or two. Fifteen were kept for the required length of time (now 7 days), twelve of these were destroyed and three were given away. Five dogs were hit by cars and had to be buried.

Lost dogs with no collars or tags are one of the worst problems. Many owners could be spared concern and worry if they would just take the precaution of attaching the license tag and their name to the collar of their dogs, and making sure the dog wears the collar. This would also assure the dog of being returned to its home more readily.

It was brought to my attention by a representative of the S.P.C.A. that shelters must be provided for each animal picked up. At one time we had five stray dogs at my home. It was suggested by this representative that portable cages be built for this purpose. Cooperation in

getting these shelters would be greatly appreciated.

My sincere thanks to Chief Scott and to Shirley Thompson for their help. And to Miss Stillman who is housing picked up animals in her barn until suitable shelters can be obtained.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest Lawrence, Sr.

DOG OFFICER

## NORTHFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPORT

The Northfield Historical Commission was established in July of 1974. Open meetings were held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

During the year a master list of 130 historic sites and buildings was established.

Historical research on twenty homes is in progress. Main Street alone has forty homes built before 1850 to be inventoried. The Heritage Committee of Northfield Fortnightly is cooperating in the cataloging of this first group of Northfield homes to be recorded with the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Arrangements were made for test pits and an engineering survey on the trenches on King Philip's Hill. Experts cooperating on this were Mr. Peter Thomas, U. of M. Anthropologist, Mrs. Susan Rogers and Miss Susan Stinchfield, G.C.C. students, and Robert Johnston, Engineer.

Miss Elsie Scott, Curator of the Northfield Historical Society, gave generously of her time and loaned her personal records of historic homes in Northfield.

The Community Service Committee of Northfield Grange agreed to inventory historic markers.

The Commission voted to accept responsibility for the original monument erected to the slaying of Nathaniel Dickinson by Indians in 1747. This was given to the Town by Mr. Roger Bassett of West Northfield on whose property it was recently found. The monument will be on permanent public display in the near future.

Public records in the Registry of Deeds, Probate files and written histories establish names and dates on ownership of property, but it is the sharing of information, data and documents by local residents that make the people, homes and events of Northfield past come to life. This sharing of information is essential to the complete recording of Northfield's heritage.

Harold Carroll
Evelyn Parker
Owen Stacey
Doris Balk, Treasurer
Beverly Leyden, Secretary
Rosa Johnston, Chairman

## REPORT OF THE NORTHFIELD RECREATION COMMISSION

To the Honorable Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Northfield:

During 1974 the Northfield Recreation Commission continued to expand its programs, emphasizing total programing for all of the citizens of the Town and not just the young people. We continued to meet on alternate Mondays in the Slate House with our meetings open to the public.

At the past Annual Town Meeting, the citizens of Northfield voted that the Northfield Recreation Commission would become an elected group. At the April 1975 election, the Town is to elect a seven member commission consisting of three members to be elected for a three year term, two members for two years and two members for one year. It was the feeling of the Commission that this would make the Recreation Commission a stronger group, with those interested in the Commission running for office.

Again, as in the past, the summer recreation program for the young people of our Town was a highlight of the year. The program ran for six weeks, with the directors and aides meeting for one week prior to this for a planning and training session. The program was very ably directed by two local girls and had an average attendance of about 80 children. Among the highlights this year were a very well attended carnival, complete with circus tent, booths, ponies and local talent; Christmas in July and an overnight on the playground in which about 90 children participated.

A source of major concern and many frustrations has been our repeated efforts to find land in Town for the development of a recreation facility, mainly a swimming pool. The Commission has spent countless hours talking to groups and individuals and looking at various parcels of land. Even with our frustrations we have not given up, as we feel there is an urgent need in Northfield for such a facility.

During 1974 the Commission institututed many new programs as well as continuing our more popular programs of the past. Two of the most well received new programs were our tennis instruction and tennis tournaments. We rented the Northfield Mt.Hermon courts four mornings a week for six weeks for instruction and evenings several weeks for several divisions of tournament play. The need to rent these courts points up the need of the Town of Northfield for Town owned courts as these may not always be available. We began a series of Saturday afternoon movies at the Town Hall for the elementary age children in Town with 50-100 in attendance each week. The Northfield Campus pool was rented for one hour a week during the winter months for recreational swimming for the townspeople. A bus was run to Laurel Lake once a week during the summer for those interested in swimming which again points up the need for a Town swimming pool. Camp Northfield, again this year, made its pool available for our swimming lessons; our flag football program continued with about 25-30 of our young men taking part weekly and the Pioneer Gym was available on Sunday afternoons for recreation. In addition we continued the Teen Center once a week with good attendance, ran a bus to a Patriots game and to a Celtics game as well as helping support the fishing derby, of the Sportsmen's Club, financially.

At this time we would like to thank all of those who have volunteered their time and effort in carrying out our programs, the schools for the use of equipment and facilities, those employees who made the summer program the resounding success that it was, to Ed Finch, Betty Gibson and Charles Welner for their years of service to this Commission, and to the Town officers who helped us.

Respectfully submitted

NORTHFIELD RECREATION COMMISSION

William Giles, Chairman
Randy Foster
Sally Lindgren
William Messer
Virginia Schoepf
Ruth Snow
Margaret Zabko

## REPORT OF CONSERVATION COMMISSION

It was voted to hold meetings every third Monday of the month.

On September 22, 1974 the Conservation Commission had a tour of King Philip's Hill with the Historical Society members and the Historical Commission members and any interested persons in surrounding communities. Seventeen people were present.

We received the deed to King Philip's Hill.

John Frado did a preliminary study of trails, with a sketch made of King Philip's Hill.

Our group investigated five wetland areas in Town.

Preliminary work is under way for the development of trails and a viewing of the river. Some interest has been shown in persons volunteering their service in making trails and clearing of the trenches. Work will be started in the future with volunteers welcome.

The Conservation Commission wishes to thank the Town Officers, townspeople for their assistance to us when we needed it; and to Irwin Severance for steering our group in its second year.

Respectfully submitted,

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Irwin Severance, Jr., Chairman
Fred Avery, Vice-Chairman
Gladys Bistrek, Secretary
Shirley Carson
Peter Ladzinski
Stanley Wickey
Carolyn Spencer

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health continued to hold open meetings the third Monday of each month interspersed with informal meetings when necessary to handle routine problems and complaints.

The Doctor's Committee with Mr. Robert Graves continuing as Chairman is still pursuing all leads in the hope of attracting a "Country Doctor". Despite the fact that our efforts have been fruitless to date, we are still confident that Northfield has enough to offer a young family so that ultimately we will be successful in this endeavor.

The aerial spraying for mosquitoes requested last year was approved and Mr. Raymond Dion was engaged to conduct two sprayings -- one early to destroy larvae and one in June to kill young mosquitoes. All indications are that this was successful enough to prompt a renewed request for funds to repeat these sprayings in 1975.

Mr. Antonio Tosi was appointed by us to act as Town Sanitarian and since then has been conducting percolation tests and sewage layouts for persons needing new or repaired systems.

Court action followed rejection of a request for an outside privy. This case has been heard in Superior Court and we are awaiting the decision of Judge Moriarty.

We are currently following up several problem situations that have been brought to our attention by the Fire Department and another observed by the Police Department. One of these involves a considerable number of people and will require much research before a solution can be reached.

The following licenses and permits were issued in 1974:

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| Plumbing Permits | 24 |
| Common Victualer's Lic. | 7 |
| Milk & Cream Store Lic. | 5 |
| Frozen Deserts Lic. | 3 |
| Pastuerization of Milk Lic. | 1 |
| Funeral Director's Lic. | 1 |
| Sewage Disposal Installer's Permits | 5 |
| Sewage Disposal Construction Permits | 30 |
| Transportation of Offensive Substances | 3 |

Under the direction of the Town Nurse the following clinics were conducted:

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|---|---|
| Immunization Clinics: | March 4, 1974 from 7 to 9 p.m. |
| | April 8, 1974 from 7 to 8 p.m. |
| Flu Clinic: | October 24, 1974 |
| Measles Clinic: | June 20, 1974 |

Our thanks to the very able assistance of our Town Nurse, Mrs. Eileen Gorzocoski, Town Secretary, Mrs. Shirley Thompson, and all departments and boards who have been most cooperative throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Rua J. Bickford, Chairman
John F. Jurkowski
John F. Ladd

## NORTHFIELD PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

To the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Health and the Citizens of the Town of Northfield:

I herewith submit the annual report of the Northfield Public Health Nursing Service for the year ending December 31, 1974.

The Board of Health conducted two general immunization clinics for the townspeople in March and April with a total of 110 doses given. Dr. James Barnshaw of Greenfield was in attendance. I would like to thank the Doctor, nurses, many volunteer clerical workers, and others who helped to make these clinics a success. Ours is the best immunized Town in Franklin County.

Through the Bd. of Health, a special Measles Clinic was held at the Northfield Elementary School on June 13th. It was a combined effort of both the school nurse, Mrs. Judith Whitaker, and myself. Dr. James Barnshaw was the attending physician, and 120 children were immunized.

On June 20th, I assisted the school nurse, Mrs. Frieda Metelica, at a Measles Clinic held at Pioneer Valley Regional School. School physician, Dr. Marvin Thompson, was in attendance. A total of 107 immunizations were given.

On October 24th, the Board of Health sponsored a Flu Clinic at the Senior Center. I was assisted by Mrs. Judith Whitaker, R.N. Dr. James Barnshaw was the attending physician, and 85 adults were immunized. Another 25 people were given the vaccine in their homes or at the office. In all, a total of 110 doses was given.

Two Red Cross Bloodmobiles were sponsored by the Fortnightly this year. On January 14th, 102 pints of blood were collected. On October 21st, 112 pints were obtained.

Report of Visits made in 1974:

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| Home Visits | 852 |
| Office Visits | 78 |
| Not Home Visits | 22 |

In May, 1974, the Northfield Public Health Nursing Service was recertified as a Home Health Agency by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. This enables the Town to participate in the Medicare Program.

The first annual Health Fair was held in June at Pioneer Valley Regional School. I participated and represented this Nursing Service on both June 28th and 29th.

In October, 1974, monthly Blood Pressure clinics were initiated at the Senior Center through the auspices of the Board of Health. Since then, monthly Blood Pressure readings have continued to be taken.

I attended the Advisory Board meetings held at the Franklin County Public Hospital and the Massachusetts Assembly of Home Health Agencies held during the year, and the weekly In-Service meetings held in Greenfield. I also attended In-Service courses sponsored by the Western Massachusetts Public Health Center at the Univ. of Mass., and those held at the Farren Memorial and Franklin County Public Hospitals. I attended several In-Service Educational Programs held in Cambridge, Mass., at Holyoke Hospital in Holyoke and in West Springfield, Mass.

In June, 1974, the Board of Health signed a contract for the services of Home Health Aides.

I wish to thank Mrs. Helen Barber for covering the vacation period during the summer. I would also like to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Health, the Advisory Boards, Mrs. Shirley Thompson, Secretary, and the townspeople for all their cooperation and efforts to make this past year's program a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen U. Gorzocoski, R.N.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

## SEWER COMMISSIONERS REPORT

This has been an eventful year, electrical rates have doubled over 1973. Chlorine has doubled over 1972 prices, plus the fact in 1972-73 we only had to chlorinate waste water four months a year. Now in 1975 we have to chlorinate twelve months a year to meet EPA requirements.

As of January, 1975 we are required at different times to submit detailed reports to the EPA, that have to be compiled by an Engineering Firm, this will add approximately $500.00 to the cost of operation over the year.

We are constantly faced with EPA regulations that we have no choice but compliance or be subject to large fines.

In the Fall of 1974, we had a bad wind storm that did considerable damage to the plant and surroundings, all is well now except we will need some more money to finish out 1974-75 year, at this point the amount is not known.

The budget of $19,675.00 for 1974-75 will probably be very close, but the Town will have to give us back about $1,000.00 for storm damage that was not in the Budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen M. Sibley, Chairman
Louis Koonz
Antonio Tosi

SEWER COMMISSION

## NORTHFIELD ADVISORY GROUP
## PHASE II

Evaluation of Inventoried Natural Resources—

This Group has met monthly with additional on-site inspections to evaluate Phase I of inventoried sites.

The Advisory Group is made up of members of the Conservation Comm., Planning Board, Recreation Comm., Board of Health, Historical Comm., Finance Comm., and several ex-town officials and interested citizens.

The natural resources evaluated that relate to Phase II includes the areas of Recreation, Historical, Conservation and Farm Lands.

These areas of natural resources are for community consideration and planning for future development.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Jurkowski, Chairman

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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

With the continuing generous support and interest of the townspeople, the Dickinson Memorial Library began its 76th year of service to the community. In conjunction with state aid received of nearly $1,000.00 per year, the library must and now does provide its services not only to citizens of the Town, but to non-residents and visitors to Northfield. At the same time, effort and study are being devoted to increasing the general use and effectiveness of the library and its considerable resources.

Among specific projects have been the rejuvenation of a combination Saturday morning children's story hour and adult discussion group, stimulation of reading among the senior citizens, and prepublication ordering of books to make desirable issues more immediately available for circulation. Many old and unused or outdated books have been pruned from the storage and stacks both to realize whatever value they may have to book dealers and to make room for the many new books purchased each year.

Refurbishing and rearrangement of the lobby and circulation desk have added to the efficiency of the library and its general attractiveness. Refurnishing and rearrangement of the children's room have also been completed. Under the direction of Trustee Lumen Barber, the library building and premises receive constant and thorough care.

The year was also marked by the retirement of Miss Elsie Scott as Trustee after many years' effective and interested service. Mrs. Mary Metcalf ably serves as her successor. Mrs. Margaret Jones, Mrs. Evelyn Parker, and Henry Prescott have continued to render thoughtful counsel and important service to the library and its work.

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Hawley, Chairman

Board of Library Trustees

# DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT
## ANNUAL REPORT 1974

Circulation of Library materials:

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|---|---|
| Adult and Juvenile books | 20,883 |
| State Bookmobile | 2,903 |
| Inter-Library loan | 51 |
| Books borrowed by teachers (Extended classroom use) | 148 |
| Adult and Juvenile magazines | 1,499 |
| Music records | 107 |
| Jigsaw Puzzles | 111 |
| Total | 25,702 |

Books in circulation:

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|---|---|
| Added by purchase or gift | 449 |
| Withdrawn | 920 |
| Books in circulation - Total | 15,753 |

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|---|---|
| Books borrowed from State Bookmobile | 1,856 |
| Total number of borrowers | 1,580 |

Receipts paid to Town Treasurer:

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|---|---|
| Fines | $330.50 |
| lost or damaged books | 22.21 |
| Children's book sale | 23.35 |
| Total | $376.06 |

We would like to thank the many friends who donated books, records, magazines, and puzzles to the library. We would also like to thank those volunteers who have given of their time. From the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System, the library received 150 paperback books for children and young adults.

Mrs. Paul Lavender resigned the first of January. Mrs. Richard Leavitt became the new assistant librarian on January 22, 1974. Mrs. Richard Leavitt's background in elementary education has been of invaluable help as we go forward with the rejuvenation of the children's room.

New services have been added: A story hour for pre-school children, books to the Senior Citizen Center, and reciprocal borrowing privileges with the other libraries in the Western Massachusetts Library System. Over 75 regional borrowing cards have been issued to Northfield residents.

The staff of the Library has attended many workshops and conferences in an effort to keep abreast of new developments.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha C. Peterson

LIBRARIAN

1974 REPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY AWARENESS COUNCIL, INC.

1974 was the first year the Community Awareness Council developed and implemented programs in the communities of Northfield, Bernardston, and Warwick. Here is a brief outline of our year of community service:

COUNSELING - There were 69 requests for help with personal problems by 53 people. The demand for these services increased dramatically in the second half of the year. Between January and June there were 9 requests. Between July and December there were 60 requests. These requests break down into the following catagories: Finances - 4, Family - 7, Legal - 2, Emotional - 12, Food Stamps - 17 (the majority of these were senior citizens), Senior Citizen - 4, Marital - 12, Job - 2, Suicide - 1, Drugs - 1 (there were several other situations in which drugs were a factor), School - 1, Miscellaneous - 6. Each of these requests was handled by the C.A.C. Coordinator, David Ray.

HEALTH - The major event of 1974 for C.A.C., Inc., was the Health Fair held June 28 and 29 at P.V.R.S. Over 450 people attended. Well over $1000 in services were provided free. More than $100 worth of literature was handed out. 40 agencies, organizations, and services were represented with displays, demonstrations, services, and personnel. The Fair cost C.A.C. only $74. Another one is being planned for June 27 and 28, 1975.

EDUCATION - Late in 1974 a night school program, called LEARNING UNLIMITED was planned for young people and adults. Twelve courses ranging from Bee Keeping to Sign Language were offered. Just over 100 people are taking these courses which began Jan. 8, 1975. Other series of courses will be held.

RECREATION - Bernardston and Warwick citizens asked the C.A.C. for help with the development of recreation opportunities for young people. In Warwick we helped a youth club get started. In Bernardston we helped develop a summer playground recreation program that involved over 100 children. During the summer we also started a youth run "Rent-A-Kid" program in Warwick, Northfield, Bernardston, and Leyden.

COMMUNICATIONS - In March 1974, we began publishing the 3-part newsletter, AWARE, which is mailed monthly to each home in the P.V.R.S. region. It is an invaluable tool for communicating local, P.V.R.S., C.A.C., and human service news.

Our intention is to provide as much service for as little money as possible. In 1974 our coordinator worked 1200 hours on his half-time salary of $4662. Most of our work was done by volunteers. Over 2600 hours of volunteer time were put into C.A.C. programs and services by well over 100 people. Our total expenses for calendar year 1974 were $8294.

We are expecting that in 1975 there will be a substantial increase in youth programming and C.A.C. services in general, with virtually the same expense to the towns as last year. Programs which have been successful will be continued.

David Ray, Coordinator
Desmond Chambers
Carolyn Hoskin
Barbara Brassor
Gerald Morse

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Northfield, Mass.

Submitted herewith is a report of the activities of the Department of Veterans' Services of the Central Franklin County District and the Veterans' Benefits Department of the Town of Northfield for the year 1974:

### SUMMARY OF CONTACTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Active Service | 47 |
| 2. | Bonus | 94 |
| 3. | Compensation | 111 |
| 4. | Death Benefits | 413 |
| 5. | Discharges | 126 |
| 6. | Education | 102 |
| 7. | Employment | 137 |
| 8. | Finance | 673 |
| 9. | Housing | 22 |
| 10. | Insurance | 73 |
| 11. | Legal | 25 |
| 12. | Loans | 81 |
| 13. | Medical | 370 |
| 14. | Notarizations | 23 |
| 15. | Pension | 619 |
| 16. | Photostats | 8365 |
| 17. | Recordings | 18 |
| 18. | Selective Service | 115 |
| 19. | Social Security | 173 |
| 20. | Taxes | 464 |
| 21. | Veterans' Benefits | 5540 |
| 22. | Vital Statistics | 165 |
| 23. | Unclassified | 500 |
| | Total | 18256 |

The figures listed above represent contacts for all the former servicemen and women in the various communities in the district.

The Veterans' Benefits Department of the Town of Northfield provided financial assistance to four cases involving some 10 persons during the year 1974. One of these cases was considered to be permanent and the remaining three were classified as being temporary situations. Gross expenditures for 1974 amounted to $2562.60. It is expected that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will reimburse the Town in the amount of some $1281.30 in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 115 as amended, Massachusetts General Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

Homer L. Gamelin

DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES
& VETERANS' AGENT

## REPORT OF THE STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

To the Board of Selectmen, Town of Northfield:

At the direction of the regular Town Meeting of 1974 we the Street Lighting Committee find:

(1) Four 8000 Lumen Lights will adequately light Wanamaker Road when placed as follows: (A) Intersection of Mine Road, (B) Intersection of Pierson Road, (C) Bolton Residence Drive, (D) Halfway between the intersections of the Bolton Drive and the Junction of Routes 10 & 63.

(2) The request of Roger Greenwood for lighting at his driveway on St. Mary's Street can be resolved by discontinuing the 1000 Lumen Incandescent Lamp currently on Pole 2 at the Jones Residence and placing an 8000 Lumen Light on the Pole located between the Greenwood Residence and the Maynard Property.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert P. Johnston

For The Committee

Herbert Streeter
Frank Bordner
Fred Fuller
Fred Avery

## REPORT OF THE CEMETERY STUDY COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Northfield:

The Cemetery Study Committee has had two meetings for the purpose of studying the Cemetery needs of the Town.

At these meetings the capacity of the various cemeteries were discussed and it is the recommendation of this committee that consideration be given to expanding the Cemetery at West Northfield, and also that a search be conducted for a new site in Northfield center.

Respectfully submitted,

David G. Quinn

Chairman

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS REPORT

Year ending December 31, 1974

### RECAPITULATION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TOWN APPROPRIATION | | |
| (1) To be raised by Taxation | $ 1,034,554.30 | |
| (2) To be taken from Available Funds | 131,077.60 | |
| | | $ 1,165,631.90 |
| School Lunch Program | 2,589.02 | |
| Free Public Libraries | 986.63 | |
| Special Education Grant | 5,756.00 | |
| County Retirement System | 12,000.00 | |
| Veterans District Services | 2,703.41 | |
| | | 24,035.06 |
| COUNTY TAX AND ASSESSMENT | | |
| County Tax-74 Est. 85,175.94 73 Under Est. | 4,035.19 | 89,211.13 |
| STATE TAX AND ASSESSMENTS | | |
| State Recreation Areas | 11,746.52 | |
| Audit of Municipal Account | 53.09 | |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills | 335.85 | |
| State Assessment System | 96.44 | |
| Lower Pioneer Valley Air Pollution Control | 220.02 | |
| Special Education Grant | 6,000.00 | |
| | | 18,451.92 |
| Overlay of Current Year | | 43,959.97 |
| GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED | | $ 1,341,289.98 |

### ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cherry Sheet Receipts | 233,081.39 | |
| Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise | 58,110.37 | |
| Licenses | 1,678.50 | |
| Fines | 456.60 | |
| General Government | 775.49 | |
| Permits | 735.00 | |
| Health and Sanitation | 4,427.60 | |
| Libraries(local receipts other than State Aid) | 374.74 | |
| Public Service Enterprises(Sewer Dept.) | 12,240.00 | |
| Interest: On taxes & assessments $859.93 | | |
| On deposits 459.64 | 1,319.57 | |
| Farm Animal,Machinery, & Equipment Excise | 3,110.75 | |
| 1974 Supplement Cherry Sheet | 15,969.19 | |
| | | 332,279.20 |
| Overestimates: | | |
| State Recreation Areas $1,084.22 | | |
| Air Pollution Control 5.72 | 1,089.94 | |
| Available Funds & Free Cash | 131,077.60 | 132,167.54 |
| TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS AND ESTIMATED RECEIPTS | | 464,446.74 |
| TOTAL NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON PROPERTY | | $ 876,843.24 |

1974 TAX RATE $38.00 PER $1,000.00 VALUATION

| | Valuation | Tax |
|---|---|---|
| Total Personal Property | $ 3,581,204.00 | $ 136,085.75 |
| Total Real Estate | 19,493,618.00 | 740,757.49 |
| Total P/P and R/E | $23,074,822.00 | $ 876,843.24 |

COMPUTATION OF TAX RATE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| School Tax Rate | 63% | $ 26.85 |
| General Tax Rate | 27% | 11.15 |
| | 100% | $ 38.00 |

Approximately each $23,000.00 appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting represents $1.00 on the Tax Rate.

ABATEMENTS ISSUED DURING THE YEAR 1974

| Levy of | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Motor Vehicles | $114.40 | $1,579.37 | $6,122.74 | |
| Real & Personal Estate | ---- | 75.60 | 972.82 | $1,926.60 |
| Exemptions (Elderly) | | | 8,606.85 | 16,463.76 |
| Exemptions (Veterans) | | | 1,925.00 | 4,025.00 |
| Number of Motor Vehicles Taxed | | | 1,879.00 | |
| Total Excise on Motor Vehicles | | | 87,825.42 | |
| Total Assessed Valuation | | | $1,432.050.00 | |

Motor Vehicle Incomplete - Compiled to December 31, 1974

We, the Board of Assessors, appreciate the cooperation and support of the citizens of Northfield and all Town Officials.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren E. Whitney, Chairman
William G. Roberts
Donald C. Henderson, Jr.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Taxes for 1972

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Motor Vehicle outstanding 1/1/74 | | 2,238.45 |
| Committed after 1/1/74 | | 335.67 |
| Refunds | | 21.18 |
| Abatements | 114.40 | |
| Paid to Treasurer | 2,167.94 | |
| Outstanding 1/1/75 | 312.96 | |
| | 2,595.30 | 2,595.30 |

Taxes for 1973

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Farm Animal & Machinery outstanding 1/1/74 | | 131.00 |
| Paid to Treasurer | 131.00 | |
| | 131.00 | 131.00 |
| Personal Property outstanding 1/1/74 | | 1,068.90 |
| Paid to Treasurer | 1,068.90 | |
| | 1,068.90 | 1,068.90 |
| Real Estate outstanding 1/1/74 | | 17,500.70 |
| Refunds | | 666.41 |
| Abatements | 75.60 | |
| Tax Titles Taken | 1,552.74 | |
| Paid to Treasurer | 16,538.77 | |
| | 18,167.11 | 18,167.11 |
| Motor Vehicle outstanding 1/1/74 | | 18,257.05 |
| Committed after 1/1/74 | | 17,718.71 |
| Refunds | | 413.23 |
| Collected After Abatement | | 56.10 |
| Abatements | 2,332.34 | |
| Paid to Treasurer | 30,766.29 | |
| Outstanding 1/1/75 | 3,346.46 | |
| | 36,445.09 | 36,445.09 |
| Sewer Use Charges outstanding 1/1/74 | | 3,360.00 |
| Abatements | 440.00 | |
| Paid to Treasurer | 2,480.00 | |
| Outstanding 1/1/75 | 440.00 | |
| | 3,360.00 | 3,360.00 |
| Fees to Dump at Sewer Plant outstanding 1/1/74 | | 160.00 |
| Paid to Treasurer | 160.00 | |
| | 160.00 | 160.00 |

Taxes for 1974

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Personal Property Levy (6 months) | | 75,205.29 |
| Refunds | | 9.45 |
| Abatements | 526.05 | |
| Paid to Treasurer | 74,688.69 | |
| | 75,214.74 | 75,214.74 |
| Real Estate Levy (6 months) | | 409,365.98 |
| Refunds | | 1,351.68 |
| Abatements | 10,978.62 | |
| Tax Titles Taken | 2,781.45 | |
| Tax Titles Added. | 666.95 | |

Statement filed to Continue Municipal Lien in accordance with Chapter 60, Section 37A and placed in Special Taxes account in accordance with Chapter 60, Section 95

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | 103.95 | |
| Paid to Treasurer | 396,186.69 | |
| | 410,717.66 | 410,717.66 |
| Sewer Use Charges (6 months) | | 8,320.50 |
| Added to 1975 Real Estate Taxes | 1,211.45 | |
| Paid to Treasurer | 7,109.05 | |
| | 8,320.50 | 8,320.50 |
| Farm Animal & Machinery Excise Levy | | 3,122.20 |
| Paid to Treasurer | 3,122.20 | |
| | 3,122.20 | 3,122.20 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Levy | | 87,825.42 |
| Refunds | | 949.48 |
| Abatements | 5,369.77 | |
| Paid to Treasurer | 58,701.65 | |
| Outstanding 1/1/75 | 24,703.48 | |
| | 88,774.90 | 88,774.90 |
| Sewer Entrance Fees | | 300.00 |
| Outstanding 1/1/75 | 300.00 | |
| | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| Fees to Dump at Sewer Plant | | 240.00 |
| Paid to Treasurer | 160.00 | |
| Outstanding 1/1/75 | 80.00 | |
| | 240.00 | 240.00 |

Taxes for 1975 Fiscal Year

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Personal Property Levy | | 136,085.75 |
| Refunds | | 26.86 |
| Abatements | 1,109.60 | |
| Paid to Treasurer | 67,573.47 | |
| Outstanding 1/1/75 | 67,429.54 | |
| | 136,112.61 | 136,112.61 |
| Real Estate Levy | | 740,785.99 |
| Abatements | 21,305.76 | |
| Paid to Treasurer | 361,239.91 | |
| Outstanding 1/1/75 | 358,240.32 | |
| | 740,785.99 | 740,785.99 |
| Sewer Use Charges Committed | | 1,211.45 |
| Committed Interest | | 20.63 |
| Paid to Treasurer | 1,078.34 | |
| Sewer Use Charges Outstanding 1/1/75 | 150.50 | |
| Committed Interest Outstanding 1/1/75 | 3.24 | |
| | 1,232.08 | 1,232.08 |
| Northfield Water District | | |
| Water Use Charges Committed | | 1,139.73 |
| Committed Interest | | 89.23 |
| Paid to Treasurer | 202.17 | |
| Water Use Charges Outstanding 1/1/75 | 955.54 | |
| Committed Interested Outstanding 1/1/75 | 71.25 | |
| | 1,228.96 | 1,228.96 |

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon W. Leavis, Collector of Taxes

## TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Based on calendar year 1974

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance January 1, 1974 | $ 497,182.11 | |
| Receipts for 1974 | 2,250,977.98 | |
| | | $ 2,748,160.09 |
| Payments per Warrants in 1974 | 2,323,163.95 | |
| Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1974 | 35,755.21 | |
| Franklin County Trust Co. (General Checking) | 337,721.10 | |
| Franklin County Trust Co. (Revenue Sharing Checking) | 1,281.09 | |
| State Street Bank & Trust (Sewer Account Checking) | .00 | |
| Franklin Savings Institution (Revenue Sharing Savings) | 50,238.74 | |
| Total | | $ 2,748,160.09 |

### FRANKLIN COUNTY TRUST CO.
General Checking
(December 31, 1974)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance per Statement | | $ 361,326.76 |
| Balance per book | $ 337,721.10 | |
| Outstanding Checks | 23,605.66 | |
| | | 361,326.76 |

### FRANKLIN COUNTY TRUST CO.
Revenue Sharing Checking
(December 31, 1974)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance per Statement | | $ 1,281.09 |
| Balance per Book | $ 1,281.09 | |
| Outstanding Checks | -0- | |
| | | 1,281.09 |

### STATE STREET BANK & TRUST
Sewer Account Checking
(December 31, 1974)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance per Statement | | -0- |
| Balance per Book | -0- | |
| | | -0- |

### STABILIZATION FUND
(Franklin Savings Institution)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance as of 1/1/74 | $ 96,240.52 | |
| Interest on Time Cert. due 4/30/75 (worth $55,852.93 as of 12/31/74) | 3,562.05 | |
| Interest received on 6-month investment of $47,914.50 in Treasury Bills worth $50,000. at maturity | 2,085.50 | |
| Interest received Regular Savings | 1,333.72 | |
| Deposit to Principal 1/31/74 | 10,000.00 | |
| Balance as of December 31, 1974 | | $ 113,221.79 |

## FRANKLIN COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance January 1, 1974 | $ -0- |
| Collected in 1974 | 6,406.57 |
| Paid to Franklin County Retirement Board in 1974 | 6,406.57 |
| Balance December 31, 1974 | -0- |

## MASS. TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance January 1, 1974 | $ -0- |
| Collected in 1974 | 8,603.17 |
| Paid to Teachers' Retirement Board in 1974 | 8,603.17 |
| Balance December 31, 1974 | -0- |

## PIONEER VALLEY UNION TEACHERS' ASSOC. DUES

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance January 1, 1974 | $ -0- |
| Collected in 1974 | 1,263.36 |
| Paid to Teachers' Assoc. in 1974 | 1,263.36 |
| Balance December 31, 1974 | -0- |

## FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHOOL EMPLOYEES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance January 1, 1974 | $ -0- |
| Collected in 1974 | 3,210.00 |
| Paid to Credit Union in 1974 | 3,210.00 |
| Balance December 31, 1974 | -0- |

## TEACHERS' ANNUITIES WITH METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE CO.

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance January 1, 1974 | $ -0- |
| Collected in 1974 | 600.00 |
| Paid to Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. in 1974 | 600.00 |
| Balance December 31, 1974 | -0- |

## SCHOOL BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance January 1, 1974 | $ -0- |
| Collected in 1974 | 2,241.35 |
| Paid to Mass. Hospital Service in 1974 | 2,241.35 |
| Balance December 31, 1974 | -0- |

## HIGHWAY ETC, BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance January 1, 1974 | $ -0- |
| Collected in 1974 | 1,750.31 |
| Paid to Mass. Hospital Service in 1974 | 1,750.31 |
| Balance December 31, 1974 | -0- |

## GROUP INSURANCE WITH GREENFIELD SAVINGS BANK

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance January 1, 1974 | $ -0- |
| Collected in 1974 | 133.20 |
| Paid to Greenfield Savings in 1974 | 133.20 |
| Balance December 31, 1974 | -0- |

## FEDERAL WITHHOLDING TAXES

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance January 1, 1974 | $ -0- |
| Collected in 1974 | 40,676.18 |
| Paid to Internal Revnue Serv. in 1974 | 40,676.18 |
| Balance December 31, 1974 | -0- |

## STATE WITHHOLDING TAXES

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance January 1, 1974 | $ -0- |
| Collected in 1974 | 11,479.32 |
| Paid to Mass. Dept. of Corp. & Taxation in 1974 | 11,479.32 |
| Balance December 31, 1974 | -0- |

The Town this year completed payments for the Sewer Project upon receipt of the final grant payments by Federal and State governments totalling $55,758. Notes issued during the year were renewals of amounts borrowed in previous years. No new money was borrowed for this project. In addition, the Town did not borrow any funds in anticipation of tax revenues during the calendar year.

1974 was an excellent year for Revenue Cash investment in Certificates of Deposit because of high interest rates. At present, there are two such certificates outstanding which are worth $350,000 and which are earning at 8 7/8% and 8 3/4%. Certificates which matured before December 31 earned a total of $7,791.58 at 11%.

Respectfully submitted,

Noelle T. Anson

TOWN TREASURER

## REVENUE SHARING SAVINGS

| | |
|---|---|
| As of January 1, 1974, the Town had Revenue Sharing funds in five separate accounts totalling: | $ 35,354.62 |
| On August 16, 1974, this amount was transferred to a consolidated account in the Franklin Savings Institution. Interest received on these accounts and transferred the same day totalled: | 1,094.28 |
| A withdrawal was made August 16, 1974 to pay for a portion of the bill for the Highway Department's new loader. | (12,000.00) |
| Three checks were received during 1974 totalling: | 24,707.00 |
| Interest received on the consolidated account from August 16, 1974 through December 31, 1974 totalled: | 1,082.84 |
| Total Revenue Sharing Savings as of Dec. 31, 1974 | $ 50,238.74 |

Respectfully submitted,

Noelle T. Anson

TOWN TREASURER

## TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

The following are 90-day notice accounts with the Franklin Savings Institution:

| NAME | BALANCE 1/1/74 | INTEREST To Book | INTEREST To Town | BALANCE 12/31/74 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| C. Ina Merriam Dickinson Lib. Fund | $ 2,301.27 | $ 125.61 | $ | $ 1,881.28 |
| Lottie Evans Worthy Poor Fund | 1,896.78 | 103.68 | | 2,000.46 |
| So. Mtn. Cemetery-Alice Bigelow Fund | 100.00 | | 5.88 | 100.00 |
| Edward D. Priest et. ux. | 7,292.49 | | 428.24 | 7,292.49 |
| Cowles Center Cemetery Fund | 2,000.00 | | 117.40 | 2,000.00 |
| Calvin Stearns Lot | 500.00 | | 29.28 | 500.00 |
| M.A. & Eliza Belcher Center Cem. Fund | 1,000.00 | | 58.68 | 1,000.00 |
| Belcher Center School Fund | 250.00 | | 14.68 | 250.00 |
| M.A. & Eliza Belcher Center Sch. Tr. Fund | 1,000.00 | | 58.68 | 1,000.00 |
| Mary H. Callender & husband | 500.00 | | 29.28 | 500.00 |
| Roselle Evans Worthy Poor Fund | 500.00 | | 29.28 | 500.00 |
| George F. Morgan Worthy Poor Fund | 3,000.00 | | 176.16 | 3,000.00 |
| Maude Montague Library Trust Fund | 2,009.60 | | 117.96 | 2,009.60 |
| C. P. Dickinson Memorial Fund | 3,000.00 | | 176.16 | 3,000.00 |
| Surplus Revenue School Fund | 1,600.00 | | 93.92 | 1,600.00 |
| Various Belcher Library Funds | 9,739.01 | | 571.92 | 9,739.01 |
| Northfield Chapter D.A.R. Book Fund | 100.00 | | 5.88 | 100.00 |
| Marina Stanley Fund | 590.00 | | 34.94 | 600.00 |
| Belcher Center Cemetery Fund | 1,000.00 | | 58.84 | 1,000.00 |

Respectfully submitted,

Noelle T. Anson

TOWN TREASURER

1974

LIST OF CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nelson & Nettie Spring | 100.00 | William R. Moody | 100.00 |
| Emma Holtnorth | 100.00 | Mrs. Norman MacGaffin | 50.00 |
| John F. Rice | 100.00 | Clara B. Torrey | 100.00 |
| Carpenter Winchester | 100.00 | Herbert E. Robbins | 200.00 |
| Clinton A. Ware | 150.00 | S. E. Walker | 200.00 |
| George R. Stebbins | 50.00 | J. I. Greenleaf | 300.00 |
| Charles Stebbins | 100.00 | M. Margaret Laire | 100.00 |
| Walter D. Crane | 100.00 | Hezekiah & Elizabeth Stratton | 80.00 |
| John E. Nye | 100.00 | Hezekiah & Molly Stratton | 80.00 |
| Harvey J. Evans | 50.00 | Rufus & Asenath Stratton | 80.00 |
| Augustus W. Holton | 100.00 | William H. Phelps | 200.00 |
| Thomas Callender | 50.00 | Elizabeth M. Purple | 200.00 |
| Johnson Fund | 123.06 | Sarah J. Whitehead | 50.00 |
| Mary L. Wright | 125.00 | Bessie Severance | 100.00 |
| M.Bemis & Otis Field | 50.00 | Lewis Fowler | 50.00 |
| Charles Blackmer | 50.00 | J. Wesley Mann | 100.00 |
| Alvin Long | 50.00 | Andrew E. & Arthur H. Lyman | 400.00 |
| Isaac Cook & Wright Stratton | 100.00 | Edward B. Stearns | 50.00 |
| John L. Mattoon | 100.00 | Benjamin Field & Charles Pomeroy | 100.00 |
| Levi Fay | 150.00 | Charles Osgood | 500.00 |
| Sarah E. Minot | 150.00 | Louis Frederick Bartlett | 100.00 |
| James Pickard | 100.00 | Sherman Nye Bartlett | 100.00 |
| Augusta L. Day | 100.00 | Rose A. Holton | 100.00 |
| Elizah Belding | 125.00 | C. D. Merriam & Cornelius Hilliard | 300.00 |
| James White | 100.00 | Nellie Nye | 400.00 |
| Arad Webster & Wm. Billings | 500.00 | Cora B. Preston & Asa Holton | 100.00 |
| Katherine Gaeng | 100.00 | Frank & William Piper | 100.00 |
| Elizah Belding | 100.00 | L. O. Clapp Lot | 100.00 |
| A.M.D. Alexander | 300.00 | Hachita Lots | 440.00 |
| Chas. Alexander & Richard Colton | 200.00 | Samuel & Elizabeth Merriman | 1,760.00 |
| Adelaide W. Moody | 100.00 | Mary V. H. Slade | 125.00 |
| Roselle Evans | 50.00 | Mrs. Geo. Spofford | 200.00 |
| Amos Shepardson & Anna S. Preston | 150.00 | Mary B. Rankin | 100.00 |
| Bessie Moore | 100.00 | Daniel P. Sutherland | 100.00 |
| Elizabeth P. Kraft | 100.00 | George N. Kidder | 500.00 |
| Maximilla S. Hachita | 100.00 | Tie-Webster Lot | 100.00 |
| Albert Brigham | 100.00 | Louis M. Potts | 200.00 |
| George E. Nye | 200.00 | Frank & Jennie Lombard | 100.00 |
| Dorothy P. Bruce | 150.00 | | |
| Dr. Stratton White & George & William Hastings | 300.00 | | |
| Jessamine W. Polhemus | 100.00 | | |

$ 13,038.06

MOUNT HERMON CEMETERY

| | |
|---|---|
| Henry F. Cutler | 100.00 |
| Lorimer Drury | 100.00 |
| Horace F. Holton | 100.00 |
| Alice V. Watson | 150.00 |
| Anna Bell McMillan | 100.00 |
| Charles T. Sibley | 200.00 |
| Lewis Hodus | 200.00 |
| Roy R. Hatch | 100.00 |
| Joseph S. Castogue | 100.00 |
| Charles D. Streeter | 200.00 |
| Mary J. & Anna L. Miller | 200.00 |
| Marion Fish Giersbach | 100.00 |
| Alice Mosse | 100.00 |
| S. Douglas & Ruth A. Polhemus | 10.00 |
| Est. Jane E. Holton for Charles Barton Holton Lot | 100.00 |
| Claire H. & Alfred B. Montague | 100.00 |
| Marjorie W. Prescott | 100.00 |
| Julia Elizabeth Pierce, Edward Curtis Blake, Barbara Pierce Blake | 100.00 |
| Joseph Costogue | 200.00 |
| Jessie H. Hyde | 100.00 |
| Julia Mary Stark | 100.00 |
| William Eberhard Est. | 100.00 |
| S. Douglas & Ruth A. Polhemus | 90.00 |
| Lorimer Drury Family Lot | 100.00 |
| Jane E. Nunn (In the name of Wm. & Sarah Eberhardt) | 100.00 |
| | $ 2,950.00 |

NORTHFIELD FARMS CEMETERY

| | |
|---|---|
| James Browning & Robert Washer | 100.00 |
| Retta R. Barrett | 100.00 |
| Ada Chamberlain & Sarah Morgan | 75.00 |
| Eva J. S. Clough | 200.00 |
| M. Maria Foss | 200.00 |
| Ernest C. Field | 100.00 |
| Elisa Graves | 51.69 |
| Brigham Gage & David Clowes | 100.00 |
| Charles L. Gilbert | 200.00 |
| George M. Chamberlain | 75.00 |
| Samuel A. Holton | 200.00 |
| Elvira A. Morgan | 50.00 |
| James & Wm. Merriman | 100.00 |
| Inez E. Holton | 50.00 |
| Henry W. Montague | 400.00 |
| Charles C. Morgan | 100.00 |
| Samuel Pratt | 25.00 |
| Larkin Fisher, Frank & Lucy Rose | 50.00 |
| Fred W. Ruggles | 100.00 |
| Asahel & Alner Sawyer | 100.00 |
| Marcellus D. Stratton | 100.00 |
| Rufus Stratton & Oren D. Darling | 150.00 |
| Elisha & Elihu Stratton | 200.00 |
| William Barnes | 100.00 |
| George Stratton | 250.00 |
| William H. Stratton | 100.00 |
| Mary A. Stratton | 100.00 |
| Samuel W. & Wm. G. Slate | 100.00 |
| Leroy Weatherhead | 75.00 |
| Oscar & Frank D. Wood | 50.00 |
| Jennie L. Bascomb | 150.00 |
| Herbert Dutton | 100.00 |
| Murray Hammond | 100.00 |
| Nettie Gilbert | 300.00 |
| George H. Pratt | 100.00 |
| Lawrence A. Comins | 100.00 |
| Clayton P. B. Miller | 100.00 |
| Lincoln E. Warner | 100.00 |
| | $ 4,651.69 |

WEST NORTHFIELD CEMETERY

| | |
|---|---|
| Cecil Wilson | 100.00 |
| Caroline B. Lane | 150.00 |
| George W. Snow | 200.00 |
| Henry M. Yerrington | 100.00 |
| Pennock Fund | 100.00 |
| Cora B. Preston & Pitts W. Preston | 100.00 |
| S. E. K. Priest | 200.00 |
| George F. Witt | 100.00 |
| Jane E. Evan | 50.00 |
| Warena P. Miller | 200.00 |
| Mary E. Bunker | 200.00 |
| Edna M. Kelley | 150.00 |
| Boyd Palmer | 25.00 |
| Vernon Playful | 100.00 |
| Hartley L. & Flora M. Bosworth | 25.00 |
| Alic Dutton Yerrington | 150.00 |
| Estate of Leroy R. Barnes | 100.00 |
| Mrs. Doris Cutler | 100.00 |
| Mrs. Jane F. Randolph | 100.00 |
| | $ 2,250.00 |

INTEREST RECEIVED ON PERPETUAL FUNDS

(Accounts are 90-day notice at Franklin Savings Institution)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Center Cemetery | $ 765.60 | |
| Mt. Hermon Cemetery | 173.20 | |
| Northfield Farms Cemetery | 273.12 | |
| West Northfield Cemetery | 128.99 | |
| Total | | $ 1,340.91 |

Respectfully submitted,

Noelle T. Anson

TOWN TREASURER

September 24, 1974

To the Board of Selectmen
Mr. Thomas J. Russell, Jr., Chairman
Northfield, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town treasurer of the town of Northfield for the period from March 12, 1972 to June 13, 1974, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Robert M. Crosby, Assistant Chief of Bureau.

Very truly yours,

Gordon A. McGill

Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations
& Taxation

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Mr. Gordon A. McGill
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
Boston, Massachusetts

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town treasurer of the town of Northfield for the period from March 12, 1972, the date of the previous examination, to June 13, 1974, preparatory to the transfer of the cash and securities and books and accounts to the newly-elected town treasurer, and submit the following report thereon:

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked. The general and appropriation ledger accounts were analyzed and proved. The receipts, as recorded, were compared with the treasurer's recorded receipts, and the payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants and with the town treasurer's books.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The treasurer's cash book was footed, the recorded receipts were compared with the town accountant's books, and the payments were compared with the warrants approved by the selectmen and

with the town accountant's books. The cash balance on June 13, 1974 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit, be verification of the certificates of deposit, and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The Federal Revenue Sharing Funds were examined and checked. The funds received from the Federal government were listed, the interest earned on savings deposits were verified, and the payments were compared with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the disbursement of the Federal Revenue Sharing Funds and with the town accountant's records.

The cash balance on June 13, 1974 was proved by verification of the savings bank books, and by reconciliation of the checking account balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit.

The records of payroll deductions on account of Federal and State taxes, the county and teachers' retirement system, group hospitalization and insurance, and teachers' credit union, association dues, and annuities were examined and checked. The deductions were footed, the payments to the proper agencies were verified, and the balances on hand were listed and proved with the town accountant's ledger controls.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investment of the trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed. The income was proved, and the amounts transferred to the town were compared with the treasurer's recorded receipts.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined and checked. The taxes transferred to the tax title account were verified, the reported redemptions were compared with the treasurer's recorded receipts, the tax titles foreclosed were verified, and the tax titles and tax possessions on hand were listed and reconciled with the town accountant's ledger, and were further verified by comparison with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

It is recommended that prompt action be taken to institute foreclosure proceedings on the tax titles held for the statutory period of time, as required by the provisions of Section 50, Chapter 60, General Laws.

The records pertaining to funded debt, as well as temporary loans, were examined and checked. The temporary loans issued were compared with the town treasurer's recorded receipts, while the payments on account of maturing debt, temporary loans, and interest were compared with the amounts falling due and were checked with the cancelled securities on file.

The surety bonds of the former as well as of the newly-elected town treasurer were examined and found to be in proper form.

There are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the town treasurer's cash, summaries of the payroll deductions and tax titles, as well as schedules showing the condition and transactions of the trust and investment funds.

On behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation for the cooperation extended by all town officials during the progress of the audit.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Crosby

Assistant Chief of Bureau

RMC:EFM

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Revenue Reserved Until Collected: | | |
| Motor Vehicle Excise | 28,356.81 | |
| Special Taxes | 752.40 | |
| Tax Title & Possessions | 8,557.48 | |
| Sewer Use | 593.74 | |
| Dept. Revenue | 380.00 | |
| State & Cnty. Aid to Highways | 65,896.00 | |
| Fed. Aid Pub. Wks. Project | 16,705.00 | 121,241.43 |
| Surplus Revenue | | 320,285.49 |
| Appropriation Balances | | 730,997.16 |
| $ 2,029,799.02 | | $ 2,029,799.02 |

Respectfully submitted,

Ethel D. Fowler

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

## TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

## 1974

| | |
|---|---|
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| Thomas R. Shearer, Secretary | Term expires 1977 |
| Rev. Philip N. Nelson | Term expires 1975 |

### MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Regular Meetings of the School Committee are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Center School.

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Edwin F. Harrington
Westfield State College - B.S.E., M.ED.
Springfield College - CAGS, Administration
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### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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### PRINCIPAL

John J. Kelley, III - B.S., M.S.E.

### SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

James Moseley, M.D.

### SCHOOL NURSE

Karen Marsh, R.N.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

| | |
|---|---|
| Schools open September 5, 1974 | Close November 27, 1974 |
| Schools open December 2, 1974 | Close December 20, 1974 |
| Schools open January 2, 1975 | Close February 14, 1975 |
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| Schools open April 28, 1975 | Close June 17, 1975 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
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Respectfully submitted,

Ethel D. Fowler

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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## REPORT OF THE NORTHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Northfield School Committee continued during 1974, to meet on the third Tuesday of each month, sharing such evenings with the Warwick School Committee in a concerted effort to provide flexible administration time to the Superintendent of Schools.

Committee members experienced chairmanship assignment and involvment with the Northfield Elementary School Building Sub-Committee in the development of educational specifications and building needs in a responsive effort to provide special needs and remediation space, reallocation of improved classroom stations and multi-use areas, that possess a potential for extended use of existing buildings and their role in the development of current and future programs. Their liason efforts will continue this spring and culminate in project report at community and Town Meeting level.

Members were also involved in program assessment, staff hiring, and myriad details, legal, educational and financial, that beset committees in today's society.

The School Committee was able to complete installation of storm windows on three sides of the North Building, install folding partitions in the existing auditorium and cafeteria areas and complete a floor tile program in the four classrooms located in the North Building. This effort, combined with the scheduled maintenance over the past two years has conserved energy resources, stemmed heat loss and provided flexibility, durability, and positive educational environments for students at the two building sites.

In addition, summer spot-painting has refurbished interior areas and the continuance of such painting effort in classroom and exterior trim areas this coming fiscal year will enhance student and citizen pride in our school facilities. The gradual, single room furniture replacement program has reached grade 3, with budget allocation scheduling the fifth room of such program for fiscal 1976.

The Committee recognizes the cumulative efforts of Mrs. Elizabeth Newton, retiring June 1974, and the transfer resignation of Miss Roberta Sewell, grade 4 and 6, respectively. Their 1974 retirement and transfer prompted replacement in the persons of Mr. Donald McKinnon and Miss Deborah Elliott.

The Committee wishes also to express its appreciation to the total staff and includes the consuming efforts of the Building Study Committee in its admiration for those dedicated to providing quality opportunities for the elementary students of Northfield.

Respectfully submitted,

Wallace E. Stange, Chairman
Thomas R. Shearer, Secretary
Philip N. Nelson, Rep. to P.V.R.S.

## REPORT OF THE NORTHFIELD SCHOOL BUILDING SUB-COMMITTEE

The five (5) appointed members of the Northfield Elementary School Building Sub-Committee have attended some fifteen (15) meetings to date of this report and have been involved in a needs assessment review, approval of educational specifications, numerous filings with the State Environmental Board, Public Health Department, Special Education Department, and School Building Assistance Bureau. Approval has been pursued and found acceptable by each at this stage in project development.

The Building Study Committee has also screened and interviewed a significant number of architects and settled on the firm of James A. Britton, Inc., of Greenfield, who has assisted them through a number of schematic designs. The Committee, having tentatively approved a general lay-out, proceeded to seek further input via the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Nutrition and Architectural Barriers Board - it is with the latter (board) that a waiver request currently resides, awaiting an appeal process scheduled for January 6, and 27, 1975. This group, more commonly known as the Handicapped Board, has the power via handicapped code and regulation to impede the progress of our project. Success at this level would speed the planning through project cost estimate, detailed drawing, final state approvals, community orientation and finally a town meeting vote.

Timing is essential, inasmuch as Northfield's state reimbursement at the 65% level expires as of June 30, 1975, with implementation of the newly legislated Chapter 492. A lesser reimbursement level, computed by legislated formula, would then apply to future project goals. At this writing a new factor in the form of a state school construction freeze has emerged. The temporary moratorium could affect the schedule of our project and may, if continued, impede the Committee's ability to meet the aforementioned reimbursement deadline.

Barring complication, the Building sub-Committee would anticipate moving forward in an effort to resolve approval needs, finalize project cost estimates and place before the community a proposal that possesses the potential for resolving space and program needs at the local elementary site. The community's reaction to such proposal will then move the Committee toward bidding, award and construction details - a task that in all probability would involve the committee through the summer and fall of 1975 with acceptance and opening early in calendar 1976.

The Committee appreciates the trust and responsibility placed in its hands and dedicates itself to analysis and review of all possible alternatives that will ultimately affect the disposition of this project. If approved, its task will have only started, culminating in final town acceptance and use of a well-planned and executed Committee task.

Respectfully submitted,

Wallace E. Stange, Chairman
John Ware
Edward C. Bolton
Paul Mayberry
Howard Maynard

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and the Citizens of Northfield:

The September 1974 enrollment of (295) students represented a statistical decrease of nine, yet was distributed to the degree that our K-6 program continued to reflect two assignments at each grade level, inclusive of Kindergarten, morning and afternoon sessions.

The staff, experienced and qualified, has established a commitment to children that is visible in classroom environment and pupil attitude. The broadened exposure to union-wide in-service training, shared enrichment programs and assistance from remedial personnel has assisted in the development of a response to pupil needs identified in our third year of standardized assessment. The long range analysis of skills, content and concepts allows staff to plot individual and group growth, prescribe program needs, refer students to support services, and share with parent and home total educational responsibilities.

Northfield, a member of the five-town Union #18 and Pioneer Valley Regional School, has been actively involved in responding to the special needs of children within the framework of Chapter 766. They share Core Evaluation Team personnel in the form of a school psychologist, part-time special needs administrator, union-wide elementary nurse and support persons, as required. The on-site staff, support personnel and parents of identified children provide prescriptive educational plans that involve scheduling of speech therapy, individualized approaches, remediation and counseling services. It is felt that the collaborative efforts of the six school systems has provided an efficient, relevant, cost-conscious response to our special needs students to date.

The Northfield system may also feel justifiably proud in providing the additional shared services of a remedial arithmetic instructor funded under Title I, instrumental and vocal music, art and physical education instructors, who complement a full program at the Northfield Elementary School. The inclusion of ETV offerings, field and system enrichment experiences provide background and meaningful extension of learning endeavors.

Northfield, as a member of Union #18 and Pioneer Valley Regional School, should be alert to filed legislation that would, if passed in total context, abolish School Unions by July of 1978. Towns in Franklin County, as well as across Massachusetts, who currently operate under local autonomy would be required to convert or consolidate into some form of regionalization. This then becomes a concern for all communities involved - those who wish a more efficient management system and those who desire to maintain the autonomy afforded each town via the school union type organization. Most significant is the fact that public hearings may be convened at distant locations without receiving input from either side. Towns would then be asked to respond, having failed to make their voice heard at either hearing level or to their legislative representatives. This legislation represents a significant change in a long line of recent events at the state level that possesses far reaching financial and organizational implications.

Growth and modification of curriculum offerings at the secondary level are contained in Principal Decker's report; they are in direct response to fewer students selecting college pursuits and reflect our efforts to emphasize in a positive manner career opportunities, and post-secondary vocational avenues leading to advantageous placement in a job-oriented world. We trust that our continued concern for coordination of total K-12 programs increases communication and awareness between levels throughout our system.

Co-curricular activity in flag football, field hockey, chorus, softball, craft activities, modern dance and winter bowling complement our academic day in what has evolved into a full range of after-school events at the elementary level. We also feel especially good about the increased involvement level of parent aides, local resource persons and numerous others who voluntarily participate in our programs.

We look forward to the coming year aware of Building Study Committee progress at the local site and the need to maintain a responsible posture during a time of economic concern. We are most aware of the many challenges, fiscal, educational, institutional and cultural that must be balanced against community resources. The validity and ability of the Commonwealth to administer, finance and assume a leadership role in future organizational patterns concerns our total response to future educational operations.

Most of all, we respect and share in the cooperative spirit that prevails, responsive to your direction and appreciative of your desire to effect quality educational programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin F. Harrington

Superintendent of Schools

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT
December 31, 1974

| | Expended 1/1-6/30 | Budget 1974-75 | Expended 7/1-12/31 | Budget 1975-76 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1000 Administration | $ 5,693.86 | $ 12,899. | $ 6,193.15 | $ 14,538. |
| 2000 Instruction | 121,099.52 | 204,408. | 62,456.99 | 211,907. |
| 3000 Other Services | 22,366.38 | 43,363. | 16,173.80 | 47,361. |
| 4000 Opera.& Maintenance | 23,726.68 | 37,063. | 12,800.93 | 43,552. |
| 5000 Fixed Charges | 1,034.79 | 1,625. | 790.25 | 2,176. |
| 7000 Acquisition of Fixed Assets | 609.23 | 1,854. | 417.43 | 680. |
| 9000 Prog.with other Schools | 5,451.70 | 16,570. | 727.50 | 19,309. |
| | $179,982.16 | $317,782. | $99,560.65 | $339,523. |

### NET COST OF EDUCATION 1974

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Expenditures (Elementary School) | | $279,542.81 | |
| Expenditures (P.V.R.S. Northfield Share) | | 366,981.22 | |
| | | | $646,524.03 |
| Reimbursements: | | | |
| Chapter 70 | $87,685.40 | | |
| Chapter 69-71 | 10,863.00 | | |
| Chapter 71 Transportation | 20,061.85 | | |
| State Aid to Member Regional School Dist. | 6,592.00 | | |
| Chapter 74 Tuition | 3,567.00 | | |
| Chapter 74 Transportation | 2,402.00 | | |
| Special Grant | 5,756.00 | | |
| Kindergarten Tuition | 50.80 | | |
| | | $136,978.05 | |
| Reimbursement paid to P.V.R.S., Northfield Share | | 32,889.44 | |
| | | | $169,867.49 |
| Net Cost of Education | | | $476,656.54 |

### REIMBURSEMENTS AND NET COST

| Year | Total Cost | Reimbursements | % | Net Cost | Pupils | Cost per Pupil |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1965 | $300,302.65 | $ 90,851.57 | 30.2 | $209,451.08 | 606 | $345.62 |
| 1966 | 320,726.79 | 85,893.18 | 26.7 | 234,833.61 | 624 | 376.33 |
| 1967 | 352,174.31 | 112,251.35 | 31.9 | 239,922.73 | 613 | 391.39 |
| 1968 | 396,808.04 | 114,380.65 | 28.8 | 282,527.39 | 614 | 457.16 |
| 1969 | 413,416.51 | 137,866.55 | 30.0 | 275,549.96 | 575 | 479.21 |
| 1970 | 483,898.48 | 210,542.50 | 43.5 | 273,355.98 | 580 | 471.30 |
| 1971 | 541,997.36 | 127,163.50 | 23.5 | 414,833.86 | 602 | 689.09 |
| 1972 | 613,376.33 | 170,887.65 | 27.9 | 442,488.68 | 609 | 726.58 |
| 1973 | 618,182.10 | 124,892.64 | 20.2 | 493,289.46 | 607 | 812.67 |
| 1974 | 646,524.03 | 169,867.49 | 26.3 | 476,656.54 | 612 | 778.85 |

## ENROLLMENT

| | | Boys | Girls | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Grade | K (Elementary School) | 22 | 15 | 37 |
| | 1 | 15 | 16 | 31 |
| | 2 | 23 | 17 | 40 |
| | 3 | 20 | 21 | 41 |
| | 4 | 32 | 17 | 49 |
| | 5 | 16 | 31 | 47 |
| | 6 | 26 | 22 | 48 |
| | | 154 | 139 | 293 |
| | 7 (P.V.R.S.) | 23 | 23 | 46 |
| | 8 | 24 | 29 | 53 |
| | 9 | 24 | 18 | 42 |
| | 10 | 24 | 34 | 58 |
| | 11 | 16 | 17 | 33 |
| | 12 | 12 | 20 | 42 |
| | PG | | 1 | 1 |
| | | 123 | 142 | 275 |
| Smith Vocational | | 1 | | 1 |
| Greenfield Vocational | | 6 | | 6 |
| Greenfield Rehabilitation Center | | 1 | | 1 |
| Austine School | | | 1 | 1 |
| Marlborough Academy | | 1 | | 1 |
| Willy Ross School | | 1 | | 1 |
| Northfield Mount Hermon | | 16 | 18 | 34 |
| Bement School | | 1 | | 1 |
| Caduceus School | | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Pennsylvania | | 1 | | 1 |

## NORTHFIELD SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

1974

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Opening Cash Balance | | $ 939.60 |
| Receipts | 18,826.68 | |
| Disbursements | 18,719.72 | |
| | | 106.96 |
| Closing Cash Balance | | $1,046.56 |

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

1974

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | |
|---|---|
| Miss Anita Pike, Chairman | Warwick |
| Rev. Philip N. Nelson, Vice Chairman | Northfield |
| Mr. Roger LeBlanc | Bernardston |
| Mrs. Linda Franklin | Bernardston |
| Mr. Robert Mackin | Bernardston |
| Mr. Raymond Ainsworth | Leyden |
| Mrs. Eva Baker | Leyden |
| Mrs. Lois N. Bean | Leyden |
| Mr. Guy Cote | Northfield |
| Mr. John Thayer | Northfield |
| Mrs. Helen Whipple | Warwick |
| Mrs. Marjorie Fellows | Warwick |
| Mr. Hamilton S. Cregar | Treasurer |
| Mr. David E. Zellmer | Secretary |

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL

Annual Report of the Principal -- 1974

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee.

I herewith submit my seventh annual report as Principal of Pioneer Valley Regional School.

During 1974 Pioneer continued to carry out the recommendations which were made by the May 1972 visiting evaluating committee of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. In June of 1974 a Two Year Progress Report was submitted to the NEASC. In September of 1974 the Commission on Public Secondary Schools requested that a Special Progress Report be submitted by October 1, 1975, reporting on the status of the building proposal that is currently being studied by our four towns. A Five Year Progress Report will be submitted to the NEASC on June 1, 1977.

ENROLLMENT

Our school opened this September with an enrollment of 600. This is a decrease of 1 student over last year's September enrollment of 601.

Our utilization of all available teaching stations continues to be extremely high. Our space and facility needs continue to be critical in light of present day program needs.

The enrollments as of December 1, 1974, were as follows:

| | Boys | Girls | Town of: Nfld. | Bern. | Ley. | War. | T | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Grade 7 | 49 | 49 | 46 | 30 | 14 | 8 | | 98 |
| Grade 8 | 49 | 62 | 53 | 37 | 7 | 12 | 2 | 111 |
| Grade 9 | 51 | 50 | 42 | 40 | 14 | 5 | | 101 |
| Grade 10 | 62 | 56 | 58 | 36 | 11 | 13 | | 118 |
| Grade 11 | 44 | 48 | 33 | 36 | 15 | 4 | | 88 |
| Grade 12 | 32 | 45 | 32 | 30 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 77 |
| P.G. | | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| | 287 | 307 | | | | | | 594 |

## CURRICULUM

Our Child Development and Care Program was expanded to include the placement of Pioneer students in our Union 18 elementary schools as teacher aides. Our Program of Studies for the 1974-75 school year also included Work Study and Work Release options for the students. Our Art Department's offerings were expanded to include courses in commercial design, printmaking and weaving. Our semester elective program in the English Department was made available to all students in Grades 10-12. New semester courses in the Math Department included a sequence of courses designed to provide an integrated background in algebra, logic, geometry, probability and statistics plus a practical application of math through the consumer mathematics course. A Life Science Program open to all students in Grades 9-12 relates the facts and theories of science to everyday situations: hygiene, home safety, drug abuse, human sexuality, mental health, and the socio-technical applications of science. Wood Production and Technology is a new full year course designed to relate science directly to our programs in Building Structures, Building and Grounds Maintenance. The Physical Education Department was awarded a $2,500. project grant by ESEA Title II. This special purpose grant, entitled Lifetime Leisure Outdoor Activities, was written by Mrs. Elizabeth Schumaker and focuses on meeting student needs by assisting them in the creative use of their leisure time. It includes such leisure time activities as hiking, biking, mountain climbing, orienteering, skiing, skating, horsebackriding, tennis, golf.

Occasionally, students desire to take courses that are not offered at P.V.R.S. In the past few years, students have taken courses at Northfield-Mount Hermon, Greenfield Community College, and various summer schools with credit being applied toward their graduation requirements at Pioneer. Students seeking educational opportunities not offered in our program of studies are encouraged to discuss alternatives with the Guidance Department.

Agreements have been made for interdepartmental awarding of credit. This allows the student greater flexibility in course selection - a student can receive math credit for the home economics department's money course and can receive science credit for successful completion of the home economics department's our bodies, ourselves and food courses.

The P.V.R.S. operating budget now includes money to be used for curriculum development work. Money may be awarded to members of the faculty for curriculum development and/or revision provided the projects meet justifiable needs and priorities and possess the scope and magnitude to warrant a funding recommendation from the School Committee.

## CHOSEN CAREERS

The Class of 1974 made plans for the future as follows:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4-year college | 13 | Nursing | 1 |
| Greenfield Community College | 6 | Work | 41 |
| Other 2-year schools | 4 | Service | 3 |
| Post graduate work | 2 | Marriage | 2 |

36% going on to further education.
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## IN CONCLUSION

The key to the successes and progress accomplished during 1974 lay in the dedicated efforts put forth by the entire P.V.R.S. team - Superintendent Harrington, the School Committee, administration, faculty, other school personnel, students, parents, and citizens of our school district. My sincere thanks to all for their untiring efforts in behalf of their school and its students.

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Dr. Petrowski has performed most of the sports and routine physical examinations (grades 7 and 10) this fall. A blood pressure determination and a urine screening test now are included in each examination. The standing and emergency health procedures have been reviewed and revised by Dr. Petrowski. He is also available for consultation or service to the children being referred under Chapter 766.

Chapter 766, the state law established for the student with special educational needs, has been in effect since September 1974. As each child is referred, a home assessment is made by the nurse. A developmental, social and emotional history is also taken at this time. Each visit requires approximately two hours, and, to date, all visits have been made after the regular school day. The nurse also serves as a member of the Core Evaluation Team, which meets weekly.

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Approximately one dozen students visit the health office daily with some health problem. Attempting to provide help for these problems with first aid, health teaching, guidance and advice to parents is routine practice. Other routine work includes yearly vision and hearing testing and height and weight determinations on every student.

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Freida Metelica, R. N.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Brought Forward | | $79,886.25 |
| Disbursements - Operational | | |
| Administration | $33,638.27 | |
| Instruction | 825,822.85 | |
| Other Services | 143,344.55 | |
| Operation & Maintenance | 135,046.82 | |
| Fixed Charges | 40,360.95 | |
| Acquisition of Equipment | 34,992.91 | |
| Programs with other Schools | 1,940.46 | |
| | $1,215,146.81 | |
| School Lunch | 60,943.98 | |
| Athletic Fund - Gate Receipts | 5,188.02 | |
| Federal Grants: | | |
| PL90-576 Care & Guid.of Child. | 5,283.88 | |
| PL90-576 Consumer/Homemaking | 2,160.34 | |
| NDEA - Title II Library Ext. | 961.85 | |
| NDEA - Title III Science Equip. | 2,015.85 | |
| Football Scoreboard | 2,910.19 | |
| Main Elec.Panel Fire - Ins. | 2,121.66 | |
| Student Scholarship Reserve | 1,892.60 | |
| Athletic Equip. - Ins. Claim | 406.45 | |
| Mini-Course Program | 365.02 | |
| Franklin County Trust Co: | | |
| Payt. of Note #14 - 2/20/73 | 50,000.00 | |
| Payt. of Note #15 - 8/30/73 | 100,000.00 | |
| | $ 284,249.84 | |
| Total Disbursements | | $1,529,282.90 |
| Balance on hand June 30, 1974 | | |
| Capital | $ 438.39 | |
| Operational | 51,652.36 | |
| Prior E & D Operating Surplus | 4,717.18 | |
| School Lunch | 1,696.50 | |
| Athletic Fund - Gate Receipts | 1,343.41 | |
| Band | 378.57 | |
| Student Scholarship Reserve | 365.59 | |
| Geo.Barden Fund-Evening Prac.Arts | 10.50 | |
| NDEA - Title II | ( 18.65) | |
| NDEA - Title V | 859.15 | |
| NDEA - Title VI | 6.63 | |
| Reserve for Maturing Debt (Savings) | 6,003.30 | |
| PL90-576 Care & Guid. of Child. | 1,131.12 | |
| PL90-576 Consumer-Homemaking | 4,371.66 | |
| Mini-Course Program | 243.00 | |
| Chain Saw - Ins. Claim | 200.00 | |
| Athletic Equipment - Ins. Claim | 12.95 | |
| | $ 73,411.66 | |
| | | $1,602,694.56 |

TRUST ACCOUNTS - CASH and SECURITIES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Balance on hand December 31, 1972 | | | |
| Theodore Cronyn Scholarship Fund | | $1,049.45 | |
| Receipts: | | | |
| Leonard Eastman Scholarship Fund | $830.35 | | |
| Interest Dividends to 6/30/74 | | | |
| Cronyn - F.S.I. Account | 98.34 | | |
| Eastman- F.S.I. Account | 57.61 | | |
| | | 986.30 | |
| | | | $2,035.75 |
| Disbursements: | | | |
| Scholarship to Daniel Levenson | $100.00 | | |
| Scholarship to Brian Bordner | 50.00 | | |
| Scholarship to Rebecca Miller | 50.00 | | |
| | | 200.00 | |
| Balance on hand June 30, 1974 | | | |
| Cronyn Fund | 997.79 | | |
| Eastman Fund | 837.96 | | |
| | | $1,835.75 | |
| | | | $2,035.75 |

Respectfully submitted,

Hamilton S. Cregar

District Treasurer

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Report of the Treasurer
July 1, 1974 - December 31, 1974

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Balance on hand July 1, 1974 | $67,408.36 | | |
| Receipts-July 1, 1974-Dec. 31, 1974 | 485,906.65 | | |
| | | | $553,315.01 |
| Disbursements - July 1, 1974 - Dec. 31, 1974 | | | 498,028.86 |
| Balance on hand December 31, 1974 | | | $ 55,286.15 |
| Franklin County Trust Co. | $34,840.69 | | |
| Boston Five Cents Savings Bank | 20,445.46 | | |
| | | $55,286.15 | |
| Capital - Reserve for Maturing Debt | | | |
| Boston Five Cents Savings Bank | $3,262.88 | | |
| Greenfield Savings Bank | 339.10 | | |
| | | $ 3,601.98 | |
| Trust Funds | | | |
| Balance on hand 7/1/74 | $1,835.75 | | |
| Interest 7/1/74-12/31/74 | 54.28 | | |
| | | $ 1,890.03 | |

Respectfully submitted,

Hamilton S. Cregar

District Treasurer

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT
December 31, 1974

| | 18 Mo.Fiscal Period 1/1/73-6/30/74 | | Fiscal Year 1974-75 7/1/74-6/30/75 | | Fiscal 75-76 7/1/75-6/30/76 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Approp. | Expended | Approp.* | Expended to 12/31/74 | Budget |
| 1000 Administration | $37,677 | $33,638.27 | $28,086 | $12,174.67 | $29,972. |
| 2000 Instruction | 853,260 | 825,822.85 | 684,358* | 286,249.25 | 650,359 |
| 3000 Other Services | 147,216 | 143,344.55 | 99,831* | 41,537.07 | 117,050 |
| 4000 Opr. & Maint. | 128,979 | 135,046.82 | 110,745* | 35,262.73 | 111,594. |
| 5000 Fixed Charges | 46,304. | 40,360.95 | 32,219 | 16,273.17 | 41,037. |
| 7000 Acq.Fixed Assets | 38,428 | 34,992.91 | 24,804.* | 11,418.16 | 23,738. |
| 9000 Programs with Others | 2,508 | 1,940.46 | 18,738. | 4,204.96 | 19,884. |
| | 1,254,372 | 1215,146.81 | 998,781* | 407,120.01 | 993,634. |

*Denotes Committee vote (8/22/74) of $9,955 from E & D; reassignment of nurse's salary to #3000 account.

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL
LUNCH PROGRAM - 1974

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Opening Cash Balance | | (-3,355.56) |
| Receipts | 40,308.65 | |
| Disbursements | 39,352.83 | 955.82 |
| Closing Cash Balance | | (-2,399.74) |

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

CAPITAL BUDGET

Fiscal Year 1975-76 July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Maturing Debt - July 1, 1975 | | $65,000.00 | |
| Interest - July 1, 1975 | $1,787.50 | | |
| Jan. 1, 1976 | 893.75 | 2,681.25 | |
| | | | $ 67,681.25 |
| Reduced by: | | | |
| School Building Assistance | $23,195.22 | | |
| Savings Bank Interest | 215.00 | | |
| Savings Bank Withdrawal | 2,401.32 | | |
| | | | 25,811.54 |
| To be apportioned among Towns | | | $ 41,869.71 |
| Bernardston 27.8% | $11,639.78 | | |
| Leyden 9.6% | 4,019.49 | | |
| Northfield 52.2% | 21,855.99 | | |
| Warwick 10.4% | 4,354.45 | | |
| | | | $ 41,869.71 |

OPERATING-BUDGET

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Administration | $29,972.00 | | |
| Instruction | 650,359.00 | | |
| Other Services | 117,050.00 | | |
| Operation & Maint. of Plant | 111,594.00 | | |
| Fixed Charges | 41,037.00 | | |
| Acquisition of Equipment | 23,738.00 | | |
| Programs with Other Schools | 19,884.00 | | |
| | | $993,634.00 | |
| Reduced by: | | | |
| State Reimbursements: | | | |
| Transportation '73-74 (87½%) | $58,962.00 | | |
| State Wards | 4,334.00 | | |
| Special Education | 6,502.00 | | |
| Tuitions | 3,996.00 | | |
| Miscellaneous | 900.00 | | |
| | | 74,694.00 | |
| To be Apportioned among Towns | | | $918,940.00 |
| Bernardston 207 /589.5 | | $322,681.22 | |
| Leyden 70.5/589.5 | | 109,898.68 | |
| Northfield 266 /589.5 | | 414,653.16 | |
| Warwick 46 /589.5 | | 71,706.94 | |
| | | | $918,940.00 |

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

FISCAL 1976 BUDGET

ADOPTED FEBRUARY 19, 1975

| | | 7/75 - 6/76 |
|---|---|---|
| 1000 ADMINISTRATION | | |
| 1100 School Committee | | |
| 1100 00 20 | Salaries Sec'y & Clerical | |
| 1100 00 21 | Secretary Clerk | |
| 1100 00 40 | Contracted Services | |
| 1100 00 41 | Legal | 2,500. |
| 1100 00 50 | Supplies & Materials | |
| 1100 00 51 | School Committee | 200. |
| 1100 00 52 | Treasurer | 300. |
| 1100 00 53 | Postage | |
| 1100 00 60 | Other Expenses | |
| 1100 00 61 | Travel | |
| 1100 00 61.1 | In State | 600. |
| 1100 00 61.2 | Out of State | 300. |
| 1100 00 62 | Conferences | 800. |
| 1100 00 63 | Dues | 600. |
| 1100 00 64 | Advertising | 400. |
| 1100 00 65 | Subscriptions and Books | 100. |
| | 1100 Series Total: | $ 5,800. |
| 1200 Director's Office | | |
| 1200 00 10 | Salaries Professional | |
| 1200 00 11 | Supt.-Director | 25,000. |
| 1200 00 12 | Systems Analyst (½ year) | 7,000. |
| 1200 00 13 | Academic Coordinator | 15,120. |
| 1200 00 20 | Salaries, Sec'y & Clerical | |
| 1200 00 21 | Sec'y to Supt.-Director | 7,100. |
| 1200 00 22 | Office Secretary | 5,897. |
| 1200 00 23 | Clerical | |
| 1200 00 40 | Contracted Services | |
| 1200 00 41 | Equipment Rental | 2,300. |
| 1200 00 50 | Supplies & Materials | |
| 1200 00 51 | Office Supplies | 2,000. |
| 1200 00 52 | | |
| 1200 00 53 | Postage | 600. |
| 1200 00 60 | Other Expenses | |
| 1200 00 61 | Travel | |
| 1200 00 61.1 | In State | 1,200. |
| 1200 00 61.2 | Out of State | 600. |
| 1200 00 62 | Conferences | 900. |
| 1200 00 63 | Dues | 215. |
| 1200 00 64 | Advertising | 1,000. |
| 1200 00 65 | Subscriptions | 100. |
| | 1200 Series Total: | $ 69,032. |
| | 1000 SERIES TOTAL..... | $ 74,832. |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 2000 INSTRUCTION | | $18,000. |
| | 2000 SERIES TOTAL | $18,000. |
| 4000 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE | | |
| 4100 Operation | | |
| 4110 Custodial Services | | |
| 4110 33 30 Custodial Salary | | 5,000. |
| 4110 30 50 Custodial Supplies | | 200. |
| 4120 Heating Building | | |
| 4120 00 10 Oil | | 6,800. |
| 4130 Utility Services | | |
| 4130 00 60 District Office | | |
| 4130 00 61 Telephone | | 2,500. |
| 4130 00 62 Electricity | | 6,000. |
| 4130 00 63 Water | | 500. |
| 4200 Maintenance | | |
| 4230 Maintenance of Equipment | | |
| 4230 00 40 District Office Machines | | 250. |
| | 4000 SERIES TOTAL | $21,250. |
| 5000 FIXED CHARGES | | |
| 5100 Employee Retirement | | |
| 5100 00 60 Town of Gfld Ret. Assessment | | |
| 5200 Insurance Program | | |
| 5200 00 61 Treasurer's Bond | | 600. |
| 5200 00 62 Employee Benefits Group | | 1,800. |
| 5200 00 63 Indemnification | | 650. |
| 5300 Rental - Building | | |
| 5300 00 80 Director's Office | | 1,300. |
| 5400 Debt Service | | |
| 5400 00 70 Current Loans | | 5,000. |
| 5500 Other Fixed Charges | | |
| 5500 00 91 Building Insurance | | 5,500. |
| | 5000 SERIES TOTAL | $14,850. |
| 7000ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS | | |
| 7300 Total Acquisition of Equipment | | $300,500. |
| | 7000 SERIES TOTAL | $300,500. |
| 8000 DEBT RETIREMENT AND SERVICE | | |
| 8100 Debt Retirement | | |
| 8190 Retirement | | 350,000. |
| 8200 Debt Service | | |
| 8290 Service | | 437,760. |
| | 8000 SERIES TOTAL | $787,760. |
| | LESS ESTIMATED REIMBURSEMENT | 370,000. |
| | CAPITAL AMOUNT TO BE ASSESSED TO TOWNS | $417,760. |

## RECAPITULATION

| | |
|---|---|
| OPERATING: | |
| 1000 ADMINISTRATION | 74,832. |
| 2000 INSTRUCTION | 18,000. |
| 4000 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE | 21,250. |
| 5000 FIXED CHARGES | 14,850. |
| 7000 ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS | 300,500. |
| (ASSESSMENT TO TOWNS) - OPERATING TOTAL | $429,432. |
| CAPITAL | |
| 8000 DEBT RETIREMENT AND SERVICE | 787,760. |
| NET CAPITAL TOTAL | $787,760. |
| OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET TOTAL | $1,217,192. |
| LESS ESTIMATED REIMBURSEMENT | 370,000. |
| TOTAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET TO BE ASSESSED TO TOWNS | $ 847,192. |

## FISCAL 1976 BUDGET ASSESSMENT
PERIOD: 7/1/75 - 6/30/76

| | |
|---|---|
| TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET | $429,432.00 |
| TOT..CAPITAL BUDGET LESS REIMBURSEMENT | 417,760.00 |
| TOTAL ASSESSED BUDGET | $847,192.00 |

| TOWN | CAPITAL% | CAPITAL SHARE | OPER. % | OPERATING SHARE | TOTAL SHARE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BERN | 2.856 | $ 11,931.23 | 4.53 | $ 19,453.27 | $ 31,384.50 |
| BUCK | 3.409 | 14,241.44 | 4.68 | 20,097.42 | 34,338.86 |
| COLR | 3.035 | 12,679.02 | 3.39 | 14,557.74 | 27,236.76 |
| CONW | 2.075 | 8,668.52 | 2.11 | 9,061.02 | 17,729.54 |
| DFLD | 7.357 | 30,734.60 | 7.98 | 34,268.67 | 65,003.27 |
| ERVG | 5.869 | 24,518.33 | 2.75 | 11,809.38 | 36,327.71 |
| GILL | 2.398 | 10,017.88 | 3.13 | 13,441.22 | 23,459.10 |
| GFLD | 33.242 | 138,871.78 | 36.87 | 158,331.58 | 297,203.36 |
| HEATH | 1.073 | 4,482.56 | .99 | 4,251.38 | 8,733.94 |
| MONT | 14.042 | 58,661.86 | 17.19 | 73,819.36 | 132,481.22 |
| N SAL | .961 | 4,014.67 | .97 | 4,165.49 | 8,180.16 |
| NFLD | 5.434 | 22,701.08 | 6.23 | 26,753.61 | 49,454.69 |
| ROWE | 9.060 | 37,849.06 | .64 | 2,748.37 | 40,597.43 |
| SHELB | 3.434 | 14,345.88 | 4.15 | 17,821.43 | 32,167.31 |
| SUND | 4.010 | 16,752.18 | 2.51 | 10,778.74 | 27,530.92 |
| WARW | .980 | 4,094.05 | .91 | 3,907.83 | 8,001.88 |
| WEND | .765 | 3,195.86 | .97 | 4,165.49 | 7,361.35 |
| TOTALS | 100.00% | $417,760.00 | 100.00% | $429,432.00 | $847,192.00 |

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT 1974

It is extremely important that the Vital Statistics record be complete and correct. If any errors or omissions are discovered, the Clerk will deem it a favor to have them reported at once so that any corrections be be made.

As required by Chapter 46, Section 15, General Laws of Massachusetts:

Notice is hereby given that the Town Clerk will furnish blanks for returns of births to parents, householders, physicians and registered hospital officers applying for the same.

### BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1974

| DATE | | PARENTS |
|---|---|---|
| January | | |
| 15 | Luther, Rachel Anita | Paul W. & Valerie A. |
| March | | |
| 3 | Arsenault, Lynn Ann | Daniel E. & Karen A. |
| April | | |
| 13 | Brooks, Laura Selby | Emanuel E. & Virginia L. |
| 15 | Moss, Evan Dyer | Dyer S. & Sara J. |
| May | | |
| 14 | Rogers, Connie Francis | Bradley A. & Norma J. |
| 7 | Putnam, Amanda Jean | Cornelius S. & Deborah J. |
| June | | |
| 1 | Leete, Shaun Edward | Edward F. & Rose M. |
| 29 | Goodwin, Andrew Nathaniel | Alfred B. & Carolyn E. |
| July | | |
| 3 | Gates, Jessica Anne | Henry W. & Anne M. |
| 9 | Nelson, Joan Marian | John C. & Janice E. |
| 12 | Giles, Mark William | William R. & Susan E. |
| 15 | Austin, Michael Steven | Steven E. & Joanne |
| August | | |
| 4 | Royce, Marshell Elijah | Ernest C. & Yong C. |
| 8 | Hod, Golan | Nathan & Daniela |
| 18 | Koldis, Steven Christopher | William A. & Susan E. |
| 20 | Remillard, Jason Jay | Jeffrey R. & Sheila L. |
| September | | |
| 8 | Lapine, Jodi Marie | William & Elizabeth L. |
| 14 | Call, Frederick Donald | Donald S. & Helen D. |
| 29 | Dejnak, Brian William | John A., Jr., & Mary M. |
| October | | |
| 17 | Knapp, Roland Edward | Arthur E. & Violet G. |
| November | | |
| 2 | Miles, Alison Lea | John R. & Judith E. |
| 9 | Noyes, Jeffrey Ronald | Ronald J. & Sheila R. |
| 21 | Miller, Kenneth Brandon | Kenneth L. & Rosemary E. |
| December | | |
| 27 | Bean, Lisa Ann | Edward J. & Doreen E. |

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1974

| Date | Name & Residence | Place of Marriage |
|---|---|---|
| January | | |
| 19 | Grassley, Doyle R., Berwick, Pa.<br>Eccles, Cathy L., St. Paul, Minn. | Northfield, Mass. |
| 19 | Kincaid, James William, Northfield, Mass.<br>Haden, Dana Marion, Northfield, Mass. | Lincoln, Mass. |
| 19 | Lindroth, Bradford Edward, Northfield, Mass.<br>Oehmig, Ruth Daniel, Warwick, Mass. | Greenfield, Mass. |
| February | | |
| 9 | Glover, Chadwick Tetreault, Northfield, Mass.<br>Brandl, Patricia Ann (Fulger), Hinsdale, N.H. | Northfield, Mass. |
| 11 | Thoren, Bernard Jon, Warwick, Mass.<br>Costin, Sarah Elizabeth Joan, Northfield, Mass. | Greenfield, Mass. |
| 16 | Kulch, Robert Charles, North Adams, Mass.<br>Smolen, Joanne Edith, Northfield, Mass. | Northfield, Mass. |
| April | | |
| 5 | Remillard, Jeffrey Robert, Northfield, Mass.<br>Descavitch, Sheila Lynn, Warwick, Mass. | Greenfield, Mass. |
| 20 | Jaquay, Justin LaVerne, Jr., Northfield, Mass.<br>O'Connor, Kathleen Lee, Northfield, Mass. | Greenfield, Mass. |
| 27 | Malikowski, Thomas Walter, Gloucester, Mass.<br>Mankowsky, Valerie, Northfield, Mass. | Northfield, Mass. |
| May | | |
| 4 | Holbrook, Richard Emerson, Hinsdale, N.H.<br>Catozzi, Sheila Marie, Hinsdale, N.H. | Northfield, Mass. |
| 18 | Field, Stephan Edward, Northfield, Mass.<br>Parks, Rosemary, Northfield, Mass. | Northfield, Mass. |
| June | | |
| 1 | Shaw, Robert Lester, W. Chesterfield, Mass.<br>Allen, Laurie Jane, Northfield, Mass. | Northfield, Mass. |
| 1 | Long, Brian Roger, Buffalo, N.Y.<br>Spencer, Linda Lee, Northfield, Mass. | Northfield, Mass. |
| 7 | Mankowsky, Joseph Marion, Jr., Northfield<br>Miner, Alana Lee, Warwick, Mass. | Northfield, Mass. |
| 7 | Rice, James Albert, Northfield, Mass.<br>Waryasz, Linda Anne, Gill, Mass. | Montague, Mass. |
| 7 | Geddis, Jack Elwin, Gill, Mass.<br>Svetaka, Marjorie Mary, Northfield, Mass. | Millers Falls, Mass. |
| 8 | Smith, Ivan Lester, Jr., Northfield, Mass.<br>Eckert, Cindy Lou, Hinsdale, N.H. | Hinsdale, N.H. |
| 8 | Nicoson, Albert Lee, So. Hadley, Mass.<br>Perkins, Bernardine Sylvia (Marcotte),<br>St. Johnsbury, Vt. | Northfield, Mass. |
| 15 | Reed, David Brett, Greenfield, Mass.<br>Wegner, Ruelene Marie, Greenfield, Mass. | Northfield, Mass. |

June

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 22 | O'Brien, Kenneth Thomas, Northfield, Mass.<br>Thompson, Carol Elizabeth, Northfield, Mass. | Northfield, Mass. |
| 29 | Hescock, Danny Lee, Gill, Mass.<br>O'Connell, Anne Elizabeth, Northfield, Mass. | Greenfield, Mass. |
| 29 | Knapp, Gary Alan, Northfield, Mass.<br>Collis, Marian Ada, Northfield, Mass. | Northfield, Mass. |

July

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 6 | Murley, Daniel Robert, Northfield, Mass.<br>Hale, Debra Lynn, Northfield, Mass. | Greenfield, Mass. |
| 13 | Stephens, Mark Werner, Peekskill, N.Y.<br>Nelson, Janet Lee, Northfield, Mass. | Northfield, Mass. |
| 7 | Smith, James Roy, Stanford, Calif.<br>Montague, Claire (Healy), Northfield, Mass. | Northfield, Mass. |
| 13 | Bolton, Alan Stuart, Northfield, Mass.<br>Francis, Grace Louisa (Nichols), Greenfield, Mass. | Greenfield, Mass. |
| 27 | Batchelder, Wayne Gordon, Greenfield, Mass.<br>Billings, Susan, Northfield, Mass. | Greenfield, Mass. |

August

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 3 | Howe, Ronald Lee, Winchester, N.H.<br>Caswell, Amy Jean, Winchester, N.H. | Northfield, Mass. |
| 11 | Ratichek, John A., Southbury, Conn.<br>Stewart, Ellen Theresa, Amherst, Mass. | Northfield, Mass. |
| 24 | Smith, Douglas J., Hopkinsville, Ky.<br>Winship, Elaine Marie, Northfield, Mass. | Northfield, Mass. |

September

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Gallant, Michael David, Northfield, Mass.<br>Ellison, Paula Jane, Peabody, Mass. | Peabody, Mass. |
| 7 | Kratz, Daniel Robert, Northfield, Mass.<br>Farnum, Gwendolyn Elizabeth, Greenfield, Mass. | Northfield, Mass. |
| 7 | Doherty, John Joseph, Dorchester, Mass.<br>Spencer, Susan Ann, Northfield, Mass. | Dorchester, Mass. |
| 7 | Quinn, David George, Jr., Northfield, Mass.<br>Bachinski, Paula Marie, Northfield, Mass. | Northfield, Mass. |
| 14 | Rasteiro, Juvenalio Rosa, Elizabeth, N.J.<br>Davenport, Doreen Ann, Seekonk, Mass. | Northfield, Mass. |
| 21 | Quinlan, Kevin Lawrence, Bernardston, Mass.<br>Sanborn, Karen Louise, Northfield, Mass. | Bernardston, Mass. |

October

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 5 | Jones, Thomas Faulkner, Northfield, Mass.<br>Service, Diane Elaine, Greenfield, Mass. | Greenfield, Mass. |
| 12 | Mello, George Edmund Joseph, Northfield, Mass.<br>Boyden, Janet Grace (Sessions), Northfield, Mass. | Greenfield, Mass. |
| 13 | Bragdon, Robert William, Brattleboro, Vt.<br>Aldrich, Gloria Shirley (Cavanaugh), Brattleboro, Vt. | Northfield, Mass. |

November

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 15 | Powers, David Luther, Northfield, Mass.<br>Murley, Debra Lynn, Turners Falls, Mass. | Greenfield, Mass. |
| 22 | Herron, Robert Alan, Vernon, Vt.<br>Lawrence, Virginia Laurel (Waterhouse), Vernon, Vt. | Northfield, Mass. |
| 22 | Avery, Lee William, Jr., Northfield, Mass.<br>Temple, Patricia Louise, Northfield, Mass. | Northfield, Mass. |
| 30 | Gaudet, Douglas Arthur, Northfield, Mass.<br>Burgett, Lenore Helen (Martin), Greenfield, Mass. | Greenfield, Mass. |

## DEATHS RECORDED IN 1974

| Date | Name | Age Yrs. | Mos. | Days |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | | | | |
| 2 | Latwinski, Peter | 51 | 7 | 2 |
| April | | | | |
| 5 | Campbell, Duncan F. | 67 | 8 | 9 |
| 8 | Miller, Dorothy (Clapp) | 79 | 0 | 28 |
| 8 | Sibley, Barbara (Proshowski) | 66 | 2 | 20 |
| 18 | Newton, George William | 83 | 3 | 1 |
| May | | | | |
| 11 | Blum, Bernard | 74 | 5 | 26 |
| June | | | | |
| 5 | Platt, Irene F. (Wardinski) | 66 | 8 | 22 |
| 16 | Borthwick, Florence Beatrice (Carr) | 88 | 10 | 27 |
| 16 | Sibley, Merritt A. | 68 | 8 | 4 |
| July | | | | |
| 2 | Gibson, Robert Leroy | 55 | 11 | 16 |
| 22 | Leeper, Mary (Draper) | 80 | 3 | 21 |
| August | | | | |
| 1 | Johnson, Stanley Edward | 49 | 9 | 0 |
| 10 | Spencer, John Clinton | 43 | 2 | 26 |
| 18 | Erickson, Rachel (Houdous) | 68 | 5 | 24 |
| 28 | Archambo, Felix | 90 | 4 | 12 |
| September | | | | |
| 8 | Galbraith, Dorothy (Davis) | 63 | 10 | 27 |
| 22 | Franz, Ida S. | 82 | 4 | 0 |
| October | | | | |
| 5 | Foster, Peter James | 18 | 6 | 23 |
| 22 | Glutney, Edna James | 95 | 6 | 13 |
| December | | | | |
| 17 | Holton, Alfred E. | 80 | 2 | 25 |

## CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS REPORT FOR 1974

Northfield cemeteries have received their usual care and maintenance during 1974.

Expenditures for same may be found in the report of the Town Accountant.

A new fence has been erected on the east side of the Center Cemetery. This work has been completed and painted except for one short section on the north end which will be finished in the near future.

A work day was given us at the Center Cemetery by the Girl Scouts and Brownies under the supervision of Mrs. James L. Smalley, which we appreciate.

The Commissioners are presently serving on the Cemetery Study Committee with Mr. David G. Quinn, Mr. Edwin C. Becker, and Mrs. Carolyn B. Parenteau.

We wish to report the following receipts:

| | |
|---|---|
| From Marjorie P. Musinski & Elizabeth P. White for Lot #4 in Mount Hermon Cemetery | $25.00 |
| From Stanley E. & Muriel D. Johnson for Lot #176 in West Northfield Cemetery | $25.00 |
| From Walter R. & Genevieve Clark, Jr. for Lot #254 in West Northfield Cemetery | $50.00 |
| From Albin E. Franz for Lot #55½ in Mount Hermon Cemetery | $30.00 |
| From Fred A. Bogart for Transfer Deed for Lot #A-16 in Center Cemetery | $2.00 |
| From Fred A. Bogart for Lot #19½ in Center Cemetery | $30.00 |
| From Fred A. Bogart for Perpetual Care of Lots #A-16 & A-19½ in Center Cemetery | $100.00 |
| From Emory & Bertha M. Rickert for Lot #59½ in Mount Hermon Cemetery | $30.00 |
| From Fernand A. & Agnes G. Caron for Lot #179 in West Northfield Cemetery | $50.00 |

Respectfully submitted,

Roger E. Bassett
Richard H. Bassett
Horace F. Field

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

## DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 1974

| | |
|---|---|
| Male Dogs | 85 |
| Female | 12 |
| Female (Spayed) | 71 |
| Special Kennel ($10.00) | 6 |
| Special Kennel ($25.00) | 1 |

## SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED IN 1974

| | |
|---|---|
| Resident Fishing | 88 |
| Resident Hunting | 99 |
| Resident Sporting | 92 |
| Resident Minor Fishing | 24 |
| 7-Day Non-Resident Fishing | 3 |
| Non-Resident Fishing | 22 |
| Resident Trapping (Minor) | 1 |
| Non-Resident Hunting (Big game) | 6 |
| Archery Deer Stamp | 17 |
| Resident Sporting (Free) | 28 |
| Duplicate | 3 |
| Resident Citizen's Fishing (Free) | 1 |
| Resident Hunting (Free) | - |
| Resident Alien Fishing | 2 |
| Non-Resident Hunting (Small game) | 9 |
| Water Fowl Stamp | 35 |

## OTHER LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED IN 1974

| | |
|---|---|
| Innholder | 2 |
| Raffles-Bazaars | 4 |
| Gasoline & Fuel | 4 |

Respectfully submitted,

Horace F. Field

TOWN CLERK

## CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1974

The Town of Northfield has participated in required Exercises, attended Sector and Special Meetings, submitted required reports, issued flood and storm warnings and has met the prerequisites for participation in Federally sponsored Programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace F. Field

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

April 1 and 2, 1974

The polls were opened at ten A.M. and closed at eight P.M. and it was determined that 1,001 votes had been cast with the following results:

| | |
|---|---|
| Town Clerk, one year | |
| Horace F. Field | 871 |
| Henry S. Paulin | 121 |
| Dwight Stearns | 1 |
| Blanks | 8 |
| Moderator, one year | |
| Corys M. Heselton | 564 |
| Edward I. Metcalf | 425 |
| Blanks | 12 |
| Selectman, three years | |
| David J. Mroczek | 262 |
| Carolyn B. Parenteau | 460 |
| Dwight P. Stearns | 263 |
| Philip Mann, Jr. | 1 |
| Blanks | 15 |
| Town Treasurer, three years | |
| Noelle T. Anson | 588 |
| Rita C. Medeiros | 367 |
| Blanks | 46 |
| Assessor, three years | |
| Donald C. Henderson, Jr. | 626 |
| Edwin H. LaMontagne | 335 |
| Dwight Stearns | 1 |
| Blanks | 39 |
| School Committee, three years | |
| William A. Knipe | 339 |
| Thomas R. Shearer | 637 |
| Dwight Stearns | 1 |
| Blanks | 24 |
| Library Trustee, three years | |
| Luman A. Barber | 609 |
| Mary E. Metcalf | 417 |
| Madeleine P. Olsen | 336 |
| Susan P. Roszkowski | 287 |
| Debra M. Whitney | 197 |
| Blanks | 156 |
| Cemetery Commissioner, three years | |
| Horace F. Field | 691 |
| Dorothy C. Pollen | 301 |
| Thomas Russell | 1 |
| Blanks | 8 |
| Planning Board, five years | |
| Russell H. Edes | 416 |
| Ronald R. Findlay | 529 |
| Blanks | 56 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Planning Board, three years | |
| Richard G. Parsons | 670 |
| Robert J. Roszkowski | 293 |
| Blanks | 38 |
| Board of Health, three years | |
| John F. Ladd | 497 |
| Margaret L. Zabko | 475 |
| Blanks | 29 |
| Sewer Commissioner, three years | |
| Louis W. Koonz | 537 |
| Howard H. Maynard | 445 |
| Blanks | 19 |
| Constables at large, three years | |
| Fernand A. Caron | 428 |
| Kenneth J. Cort | 484 |
| Joseph J. DeMaria | 715 |
| Joseph Medeiros | 494 |
| Joseph G. Morgan | 635 |
| Horace Bolton | 1 |
| Blanks | 246 |
| Constable (from Northfield Farms) | |
| William J. Young | 883 |
| Fredd Fuller | 1 |
| Blanks | 117 |

After reading the above results, the meeting was dissolved.

ATTEST: Horace F. Field

TOWN CLERK

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

April 2, 1974

Approximately 200 voters assembled in accordance with the Warrant at 7:00 p.m. The Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Mr. Corys M. Heselton, Moderator, and Rev. Harold H. Henderson gave the invocation. The presentation of colors was made by Thomas Lindgren, Bruce Galbraith, Dennis Parker and Jeffrey Mroczek of Boy Scout Troop 9, Rebecca Holbrook, Pamela Balk, Julie Severance of Cadette Troop 245, Sharon James and Barbara Stange of Junior Girl Scout Troop 166, and by Anna Smalley of the Brownie Troop.

ADJOURNED to Special Town Meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Article 1. VOTED: That the Town accept from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the purpose of expending the sum of $49,083 under the provisions of Section 22 of Chapter 1140 of the Acts of 1973 for the purpose of reconstruction, maintenance and repair of public highways and bridges, and enforcement of traffic laws.

Article 2. VOTED: That the Town accept from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the purpose of expending the sum of $29,450 under the provisions of Section 20 of Chapter 1140 of the Acts of 1973 for the purpose of construction of public highways and bridges.

Article 3. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Selectmen to enter into contract with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repair and improvement of roads and highways, exclusive of state highways, and transfer the sum of $4,980 from Chapter 1140, Section 22 of the Acts of 1973, and transfer the sum of $18,262 from unappropriated available funds.

Article 4. VOTED: That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of $1,500 for the purpose of aerial spraying the wetland areas to dispose of the larvae and adult mosquitoes.

Article 5. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of $17,603 from Chapter 1140, Section 22, of the Acts of 1973, and transfer the sum of $12,397 from the Revenue Sharing Fund to purchase a pay loader for the Town Highway Department, and trade in or dispose of the old pay loader.

ADJOURNED at 7:30 p.m. and resumed Annual Town Meeting.

The reading of the Warrant was waived and the following articles were acted upon:

Article 1. VOTED: That the Town accept without further action the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards, Committees, Commissioners, and Trustees as printed in the Annual Town Report.

Article 2. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 4, General Laws, as amended, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the current fiscal financial year beginning July 1, 1974 as established by the Act of the Legislature, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and, under the provisions of Section 17 of said Chapter, to renew any such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, any debt or debts incurred hereunder to be paid from the revenue of the said fiscal financial year.

Article 3. VOTED: That the Town empower the Board of Selectmen under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 5, Clauses 16 and 16A, General Laws, as amended, to employ legal counsel for general purposes and to prosecute or bring suits for the Town and to defend the Town in any suit or other legal action brought against the Town.

Article 4. VOTED: That the Town as provided by Section 100E, Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, indemnify the Selectmen and any other municipal officers designated by the Board of Selectmen, for expenses or damages incurred by such official or officer in the defense or settlement of a claim against him, provided that in any instance such claim arose when such official or officer was acting within the scope of his official duties or employment, and that the defense or settlement of such claim shall have been made by the Town Counsel, or by an attorney furnished by an insurer obligated under the terms of a policy of insurance to defend the Town against such claim.

Article 5. (Motion 1.) VOTED: That the Moderator read the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee as salaries of elected officials, and also read the totals of all other amounts recommended by the Finance Committee to be raised and appropriated under this article, and unless objection is made, each item as recommended in the report of the Finance Committee shall be tentatively accepted as appropriated for the purpose stated; and if objection is made to any recommendation, such appropriation shall be taken up separately, and the amount thereof

and the manner of raising same shall be determined by separate vote of the meeting and tentatively accepted thereby; and after all appropriations have been tentatively accepted, one vote shall be taken appropriating each amount so accepted as a single appropriation, not to be exceeded.

APPROPRIATIONS:

| | July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975 |
|---|---|
| Moderator, Salary & Expense | $ 90.00 |
| Selectmen | 2600.00 |
| Chairman $900.00 | |
| Other members 850.00 | |
| Expense | 2000.00 |
| Secretary | 1484.00 |
| Accountant | 2025.00 |
| Expense | 100.00 |
| Legal Expense | 2500.00 |
| Treasurer | 2025.00 |
| Expense | 1000.00 |
| Tax Collector | 1910.00 |
| Expense | 1100.00 |
| Tax Title Foreclosure Costs | 350.00 |
| Protection of Tax Title Property | 25.00 |
| Assessors | 2300.00 |
| Chairman $800.00 | |
| Other members 750.00 | |
| Expense | 1200.00 |
| Town Clerk | 1225.00 |
| Expense | 200.00 |
| Election & Registration | 3000.00 |
| Planning Board Expense | 975.00 |
| Board of Appeals Expense | 190.00 |
| Nurse & Substitute | 7312.50 |
| Expense | 500.00 |
| Clerk | 2968.00 |
| Car Expense | 700.00 |
| Inspection of Animals | 450.00 |
| Sewer Commissioners Salary | 555.00 |
| Each Commissioner $185.00 | |
| Sewer Commission Expense | 150.00 |
| Highway Supt. Expense | 350.00 |
| Highway Tools | 500.00 |
| Highway Sick Leave, Vacations, Holidays | 5650.00 |
| Sidewalks | 1000.00 |
| Street Lights | 20000.00 |
| Highway Bounds, Surveys, Street Lists | 350.00 |
| Soldier's Relief | 7000.00 |
| Elementary School Committee Salaries | 450.00 |
| Finance Committee Expenses | 125.00 |
| Town Hall | 9000.00 |
| Police Chief Salary | 10500.00 |
| Special Police Salaries | 4800.00 |
| Police Dept. Operating Exp. & Equip. | 6000.00 |
| Police Dept. Secretary | 1484.00 |
| Conservation Commission Expense | 150.00 |

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|---|---|---|
| Fire Dept. Salaries | $ | 585.00 |
| Fire Dept. Operating Expense | | 7000.00 |
| Fire Dept. Hose & Equipment | | 1500.00 |
| Hydrants | | 500.00 |
| Water Holes | | 800.00 |
| Maintenance of Fire Station | | 2700.00 |
| Public Safety | | 50.00 |
| Wire Inspector | | 100.00 |
| Tree Trimming & Planting | | 2000.00 |
| Dutch Elm Control | | 2000.00 |
| Insect & Pest Control | | 1500.00 |
| Dog Officer & Expense | | 350.00 |
| Civil Defense | | 25.00 |
| Board of Health | | 555.00 |
| Each member $185.00 | | |
| Health | | 2000.00 |
| Dump Control | | 8500.00 |
| PVRS School Committee Exp. | | 300.00 |
| Elementary Schools | | 317782.00 |
| PVRS Capital | | 11444.34 |
| PVRS Operating | | 415782.95 |
| Town Reports | | 1500.00 |
| Memorial & Veterans Day | | 450.00 |
| Alexander Hall | | 400.00 |
| Insurance | | 16000.00 |
| Chapter 32B | | 10000.00 |
| Town Clock | | 150.00 |
| Land Damage | | 500.00 |
| Historical Society Building | | 200.00 |
| Fence Viewers, Pound Keepers, Field Drivers | | 25.00 |
| Maintenance of Athletic Field | | 500.00 |
| Recreation Commission Program | | 6000.00 |
| Cemeteries | | 5000.00 |
| Slate House | | 500.00 |
| Interest | | 500.00 |
| Total | | 923492.79 |

(Article 5. Motion 2.) VOTED: That monies appropriated under expenses include travel within and without the state for each department.

(Article 5. Motion 3.) VOTED: That all sums read be appropriated.

Article 6. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Assessors to appoint one of their members as Clerk of the Board of Assessors under the provisions of Section 4a, Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, or employ a clerk, and raise and appropriate the sum of $1,485 to pay the salary of such clerk.

Article 7. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of $6,700 from funds available under Chapter 1140, Section 20, of the Acts of 1973, and transfer the sum of $20,100 from unappropriated available funds for Chapter 90 Highway Construction.

Article 8. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of $10,500 from funds available under Chapter 1140, Section 22, of the Acts of 1973, and transfer the sum of $18,262 from unappropriated available funds for Chapter 81 Highways.

Article 9. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of $4,000 from funds available under Chapter 1140, Section 22, of the Acts of 1973, and transfer the sum of $8,000 from unappropriated available funds for Chapter 90 Maintenance.

Article 10. VOTED: That the Town transfer $5,000 from the Machinery Earnings Account, and transfer $12,000 from funds available under Chapter 1140, Section 22, of the Acts of 1973 to the Machinery Maintenance Account.

Article 11. AMENDED & VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $26,500 for constructing, maintaining and policing town streets or roads including all operations on the travelled way as set forth in Section 32 of Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1971, such sum to be expended in anticipation of reimbursement from the State under the provisions of said Act, and that $22,000 thereof be expended primarily for snow removal and $4500 thereof be expended for Highways, Bridges and Railings.

Article 12. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $19,675 for the operation and maintenance of the sewage disposal plant, related interceptors, and such sewer lines and drains as are incorporated into the Town's sewage system.

Article 13. VOTED: That the Town accept and appropriate for the use of the Dickinson Memorial Library the sum of $321.11, known as the "Dog Fund", as received from the County, as provided in Chapter 140, Section 172, General Laws, as amended.

Article 14. VOTED: That the Town accept the sum of $986.63 or any other sum of money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a grant providing state aid for free public libraries under the provisions of Chapter 760 of the Acts of 1960, as amended, and to appropriate the exact sum so received for its public library or libraries.

Article 15. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $250.00 for the use of the Field Library at Northfield Farms.

Article 16. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $14,606 for the operation of Dickinson Memorial Library.

Article 17. (Motion 1.) DEFEATED: Yes - 70; No - 85, That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $425 to provide additional or improved street lighting in the Town according to plan or plans on file with the Board of Selectmen.

(Art. 17. Motion 2.) VOTED: That the Town authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of five to study the Town's needs with regard to the removal from and/or additions to existing street lights and to report at a future special or Annual Town Meeting.

The following resolution was read by Mrs. Parenteau:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the efficient administration of Town affairs is achieved through the largely voluntary assumption of official responsibilities by elected or appointed officers combined with the loyal and faithful service of salaried employees, and,

WHEREAS certain persons have during the past year concluded periods of service during which they have made substantial contributions to the public weal,

BE IT RESOLVED that the names, nature and length of such service by the following named persons be herewith noticed and recorded in the minutes of this Annual Town Meeting of April 1974 in grateful recognition of their work on behalf of the Town:

Roger M. Greenwood - Assessor - 9 years
Marie A. Wickey - Treasurer - 2 years
Elsie S. Scott - Library Trustee - 5 years
John T. Callahan - Planning Board - 4 years
David G. Quinn - Planning Board - 4 years
Edward D. Hyrne - Board of Health - 2 years
Carl A. Pelzel - Sewer Commission - 3 years
Sally F. Lindgren - Recreation Commission - 3½ years
Patricia P. Messer - Recreation Commission - 3 years
William J. Young - Dog Officer - 12 years
Elizabeth B. Leyden - Conservation Commission - 1 year
Arthur E. James - Conservation Commission - 1½ years
Catherine E. Gilbert - Board of Appeals - 3 months

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 18. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $300 to purchase fish to be liberated to the streams of Northfield, under the supervision of the Selectmen.

Article 19. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept from the County of Franklin the sum of $151.90 as determined by the County Commissioners for the suppressing of pests under Chapter 132 or for Dutch Elm disease control.

Article 20. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Selectmen of the Town to enter into a contract with David Quinn of Northfield, Massachusetts, or his nominee, and raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000 to provide ambulance service to residents of the Town, such contract to be for a term of not more than twelve (12) months, and on such other terms and conditions as the Selectmen shall determine.

Article 21. VOTED: That the Town accept from the Northfield-Mount Hermon School the sum of $2,000 to be appropriated for and applied to the Town expenditure for the fiscal year 1975, under the Town's contract for the furnishing of ambulance service.

Article 22. VOTED: That the Town transfer $5,000 from the Overlay Reserve to be used for a Reserve Fund for the current fiscal year, as provided by Chapter 59, Section 25, General Laws, as amended.

Article 23. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $30,939.51 for the Town's share of the Franklin County Technical School District.

Article 24. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $2,500 to contract with the Community Awareness Council, Inc. for the Town's share in furthering the prevention and treatment program for drugs and related problems.

Article 25. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $2,631 for the purpose of providing mental health and mental retardation services for citizens of the Town, and that said sum be transferred to the Franklin/Hampshire Area Board Trust Fund with approval and under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 26. VOTED: That the Town instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of five (5) residents of Northfield, one of whom shall be a member of the present Northfield Elementary School Committee, to act as the Northfield School Building Committee, with the remaining two (2) members of the Elementary School Committee serving as ex-officio members, and to raise and appropriate a sum of $5,000 to be expended under the direction of said Committee for the employment of an architect, the procuring and preparation of plans, estimate of costs and other expenses, these plans to be presented to the Town at any special or Annual Town Meeting for further vote as soon as completed.

Article 27. VOTED: That the Town establish under the provision of Chapter 40, Section 8d, General Laws, an Historical Commission of the Town of Northfield for the purposes and with the rights and duties provided by law, to be composed of seven members, appointed by the Selectmen for the terms of three years except that initial appointment shall be two members for one year, two members for two years, and three members for three years.

Article 28. VOTED: That the Town transfer $1,000 from the Revenue Sharing Fund for the purchase of a new base radio for use at the Town's Fire Station.

Article 29. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen, under the provisions of Chapter 802, Section 15, of the Acts of 1972, to employ a Building Commissioner for the Town, and transfer $2,300 from the Revenue Sharing Fund to pay the salary and expenses of such commissioner.

Article 30. VOTED: That the Town adopt the rules and regulations of the Department of Public Safety of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the registration of bicycles in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 710 of the Acts of 1941.

Article 31. AMENDED AND DEFEATED: (by 2/3 vote) That the Town change the Northfield Protective Regulations By-Law Section 5(a) to read as follows:

'Lot frontage on a public way 150 feet minimum. The minimum lot area shall be 36,000 square feet.'

Article 32. DEFEATED: (by 2/3 vote) That the Town change the Northfield Protective Regulations By-Law Section 5(b) to read as follows:

'Setback for any building 25 feet minimum from any property line.'

Article 33. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $175 to pay the legal fee incurred by the Planning Board appeal of the Board of Appeals decision which permitted establishment of a branch bank on Main Street.

Article 34. AMENDED AND VOTED: That the Town change the Recreation Commission authorized under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 45, Section 14, from an appointed body as authorized by previous Town Meetings to an elected body of seven members, the first election to be held at the Annual Elections in 1975, at which three members shall be elected for three years, two members for two years and two members for one year, and each year thereafter there shall be as many members elected as there are terms expiring.

Article 35. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $500 for the purpose of microfilming Town Reports.

Article 36. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of $3,800 from the Revenue Sharing Fund to purchase a new Police Cruiser and to trade in or dispose of the old cruiser.

Article 37. VOTED: That the Town accept the sum of $100 for perpetual care of Lot #186 in West Northfield Cemetery, from Mrs. Doris Cutler, Northfield, Massachusetts.

Article 38. VOTED: That the Town accept the sum of $100 for perpetual care of Lot #177 in West Northfield Cemetery, from Mrs. Jane F. Randolph, Northfield, Massachusetts.

Article 39. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $1,500 for the Franklin County Senior Services Project, Inc.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

ATTEST: Horace F. Field

TOWN CLERK

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING SEPTEMBER 9, 1974

Approximately 55 voters assembled in accordance with the Warrant at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Corys M. Heselton, Moderator, called the meeting to order and Rev. Arthur J. Green gave the invocation.

Article 1. VOTED: Yes - 43, No - 25, That the Town transfer from available, unappropriated funds, the sum of $2,000 for the purpose of providing additional funds to complete the survey of Schell Bridge.

Article 2. VOTED: That the Town transfer from available, unappropriated funds, the sum of $500 in order to establish an account for Medicare and Welfare Payments in connection with the Homemaker/Home Health Aid Services.

Article 3. VOTED: That the Town transfer from available, unappropriated funds, the sum of $275.50 for the purpose of purchasing a new adding machine for the Town Accountant.

Article 4. VOTED: That the Town transfer from available, unappropriated funds, the sum of $400 for the Tax Collector's Expense Account.

Article 5. VOTED: That the Town transfer from available, unappropriated funds, the sum of $1,200 to be applied to the legal expense account of the Town.

Article 6. VOTED: That the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 32B, Section 7A of the Massachusetts General Laws providing for an addition to the payment of 50% of the premium for contributory group life and health insurance for employees in the service of the Town and their dependents, so that the Town's contribution will equal 75% of said premium, and for this purpose, to transfer from available unappropriated funds the sum of $2,100.

Article 7. VOTED: That the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 65 of the Massachusetts General Laws, for the purpose of advancing vacation pay to officers of the Town, subject to regulations which the Town Treasurer may prescribe.

(Motion to pass over Article 8. DEFEATED: Yes - 16, No - 45)

Article 8. DEFEATED: That the Town adopt the regulations as prescribed by the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of qualifying for eligibility in the Federal Flood Insurance Program, a copy of which is on file at the office of the Town Clerk.

Article 9. VOTED: That the Town rescind the vote passed under Article 8 of the Annual Town Meeting held on April 2, 1974 relating to funds provided for Fiscal '75, Chapter 81, Construction and Maintenance.

Article 10. VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of $10,500 from the proceeds of Section 22 of Chapter 1140 of the Acts of 1973, and further appropriate the sum of $6,000 from unused proceeds voted under Article 5 of the Special Town Meeting held on April 2, 1974, wherein a total amount of $30,000 was appropriated for the purchase of a payloader, and further transfer from available unappropriated funds, the sum of $2,000 in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth under Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1971, all for the purpose of contracting with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for the repair and improvement of roads and highways within the Town, exclusive of State Highways.

Article 11. VOTED: That the Town transfer from available, unappropriated funds, the sum of $100 for the purpose of providing an expense account for the Historical Commission established at the Annual Town Meeting held on April 2, 1974, in accord with the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 8D of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Article 12. VOTED: That the Town instruct its Moderator to appoint a Cemetery Study Committee for the purpose of studying the Cemetery needs of the Town, including acquisition of additional land therefor, said Committee to consist of six (6) citizens, including one (1) Selectman, three (3) Cemetery Commissioners and two (2) residents of said Town, said Committee to report its findings and make recommendations at either the next Annual or Special Town Meeting, whichever may come first.

Article 13. VOTED: That the Town amend its Zoning By-Law designated as Section 5(f) and entitled: "Moratorium By-Law" by deleting the same in its entirety, and substituting therefor, the following:

> "(f) No multiple family dwelling or dwellings within the Town of Northfield, which for this section shall mean a structure with more than one (1) family residing therein, shall be hereafter erected or constructed for a period not to exceed eight (8) months from the date of the passage of this Zoning By-Law Amendment. Inasmuch as the Town of Northfield is still in the process of formulating its Master Plan for future development and it is desired to protect said Town pending its final adoption, a moratorium on the issuance of building permits for construction of dwelling units in excess of one (1) family is hereby in effect for said period of time. Nothing herein shall affect the operation or effectiveness of any provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A."

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST: Horace F. Field

TOWN CLERK

October 23, 1974

Boston, Massachusetts

The foregoing amendment to zoning by-laws adopted under Article 13 of the warrant is hereby approved.

Robert H. Quinn

Attorney General

## STATE PRIMARY

September 10, 1974

At the time and place set forth, the Warrant of the State Primary was read by the Town Clerk and at 10:00 a.m. the polls were declared open. The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. It was determined that 326 votes were cast; 246 Republican and 80 Democratic, with the following results:

### REPUBLICAN PARTY

| | |
|---|---|
| **Governor** | |
| Francis W. Sargent | 161 |
| Carroll P. Sheehan | 82 |
| Blanks | 3 |
| **Lieutenant Governor** | |
| Donald R. Dwight | 218 |
| Blanks | 28 |
| **Attorney General** | |
| Charles C. Cabot, Jr. | 61 |
| William I. Cowin | 29 |
| Josiah A. Spaulding | 131 |
| Blanks | 25 |
| **Secretary** | |
| John M. Quinlan | 200 |
| Blanks | 46 |
| **Treasurer** | |
| Muriel Erna Ballantine | 137 |
| Blanks | 109 |
| **Auditor** | |
| Blanks | 246 |
| **Congressman - First District** | |
| Silvio O. Conte | 216 |
| Blanks | 30 |

Councillor - Eighth District
Blanks 246

Senator - Franklin, Hampshire & Hampden District
Gerald F. McCarthy 153
Blanks 93

Representative in General Court - Third Franklin District
Thomas G. Simons 196
Blanks 50

District Attorney - Northwestern District
Blanks 246

County Commissioner - Franklin County
Linwood B. Lesure 212
Blanks 34

Sheriff - Franklin County
Chester S. Martin 223
Blanks 23

Register of Probate & Insolvency - Franklin County
Norman M. Clarke 164
R. Craig Cole 45
Blanks 37

County Treasurer - Franklin County
Robert E. Lovett 192
Muriel Erna Ballantine 1
Blanks 53

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Governor
Michael S. Dukakis 60
Robert H. Quinn 20
Blanks 0

Lieutenant Governor
Eva B. Hester 9
Christopher A. Iannella 4
John Pierce Lynch 32
Thomas P. O'Neill, III 20
Thomas Martin Sullivan 7
Blanks 8

Attorney General
Francis X. Bellotti 34
Barry T. Hannon 2
Edward F. Harrington 17
Edward M. O'Brien 12
S. Lester Ralph 5
George L. Sacco 4
Blanks 6

Secretary
John F. X. Davoren 42
Paul H. Guzzi 27
Blanks 11

Treasurer

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|---|---|
| Robert Q. Crane | 43 |
| Charles Mark Furcolo | 26 |
| Muriel Erna Ballantine | 1 |
| Blanks | 10 |

Auditor

| | |
|---|---|
| Thaddeus Buczko | 62 |
| Blanks | 18 |

Congressman - First District

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|---|---|
| Thomas R. Manning | 31 |
| Kenneth R. Mosakowski | 36 |
| Blanks | 13 |

Councillor - Eighth District

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|---|---|
| Francis P. Coughlin | 18 |
| Theodore E. Dimauro | 27 |
| Antonio J. Marino | 12 |
| Blanks | 23 |

Senator - Franklin, Hampshire & Hampden District

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|---|---|
| John W. Olver | 72 |
| Gerald F. McCarthy | 1 |
| Blanks | 7 |

Representative in General Court - Third Franklin District

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|---|---|
| Blanks | 80 |

District Attorney - Northwestern District

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|---|---|
| John M. Callahan | 67 |
| Blanks | 13 |

County Commissioner - Franklin County

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|---|---|
| Thomas W. Merrigan | 69 |
| Blanks | 11 |

Sheriff - Franklin County

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|---|---|
| Blanks | 80 |

Register of Probate & Insolvency - Franklin County

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|---|---|
| John A. Barrett | 35 |
| Thomas J. Scanlon | 15 |
| John Wesolowski, Jr. | 17 |
| Blanks | 13 |

County Treasurer - Franklin County

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| William J. Powers | 63 |
| Blanks | 17 |

At the close of the polls, the Clerk read the results and the meeting was dissolved.

ATTEST : Horace F. Field

TOWN CLERK

STATE ELECTION

NOVEMBER 5, 1974

At the time and place set forth, the Clerk read the Warrant and the polls were declared open at 10:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m. It was determined that 952 ballots had been cast with the following results:

| | |
|---|---|
| **Governor and Lieutenant Governor** | |
| Sargent and Dwight | 468 |
| Dukakis and O'Neill | 438 |
| Gurewitz and Bivins | 6 |
| Kahian and Greco | 21 |
| Blanks | 19 |
| **Attorney General** | |
| Francis X. Bellotti | 311 |
| Josiah S. Spaulding | 605 |
| Jeanne Lafferty | 9 |
| Blanks | 27 |
| **Secretary** | |
| Paul H. Guzzi | 315 |
| John M. Quinlan | 585 |
| Blanks | 52 |
| **Treasurer** | |
| Robert Q. Crane | 699 |
| Blanks | 253 |
| **Auditor** | |
| Thaddeus Buczko | 689 |
| Blanks | 263 |
| **Congressman - First District** | |
| Silvio O. Conte | 740 |
| Thomas R. Manning | 194 |
| Blanks | 18 |
| **Councillor - Eighth District** | |
| Theodore E. Dimauro | 626 |
| Blanks | 326 |
| **Senator - Franklin, Hampshire & Hampden District** | |
| John W. Olver | 402 |
| Gerald F. McCarthy | 509 |
| Blanks | 41 |
| **Representative in General Court - Third Franklin District** | |
| Thomas G. Simons | 769 |
| Blanks | 183 |
| **District Attorney - Northwestern District** | |
| John M. Callahan | 694 |
| Blanks | 258 |
| **County Commissioner - Franklin County** | |
| Thomas W. Merrigan | 408 |
| Linwood B. Lesure | 506 |
| Blanks | 38 |

Sheriff - Franklin County

| | |
|---|---|
| Chester S. Martin | 809 |
| Blanks | 143 |

Register of Probate and Insolvency - Franklin County

| | |
|---|---|
| John A. Barrett | 257 |
| Norman M. Clarke | 468 |
| Stanley Joseph Kopec | 186 |
| Blanks | 41 |

County Treasurer - Franklin County

| | |
|---|---|
| Robert E. Lovett | 506 |
| William J. Powers | 398 |
| Blanks | 48 |

Question No. 1 - Allowing Legislature to take recesses amounting to not more than 30 days during a session.

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| Yes | 511 |
| No | 306 |
| Blanks | 135 |

Question No. 2 - To change state Senate & Representative districts based on a new census; reduce Representative members, and require that when elected a Representative must have lived 1 year in his district, and a Senator must have lived 5 years in the state and have his home in his district.

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| Yes | 522 |
| No | 285 |
| Blanks | 145 |

Question No. 3 - Allowing public tax money to be granted as aid to Private institutions of higher education.

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| Yes | 429 |
| No | 371 |
| Blanks | 152 |

Question No. 4 - Allowing state to use money from gasoline taxes, automobile license and registration fees for mass transportation lines like the MBTA.

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| Yes | 303 |
| No | 519 |
| Blanks | 130 |

Question No. 5 - To put into effect a law establishing a commission to investigate political campaign funds, making candidates disclose campaign spending and contributions and limit the amount spent on political advertising.

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| Yes | 470 |
| No | 319 |
| Blanks | 163 |

Question No. 6 - Allowing the Legislature to create a state department to run Medicaid and license, control and set rates for nursing homes, hospitals and health and Hospital insurance.

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| Yes | 550 |
| No | 287 |
| Blanks | 115 |

Question No. 7 - A. For the sale of all alcoholic beverages.

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| Yes | 457 |
| No | 454 |
| Blanks | 41 |

D. Hotel Liquor License

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| Yes | 567 |
| No | 247 |
| Blanks | 138 |

Question No. 8 - Shall Senator from this District be instructed to oppose the building of nuclear power plants in Montague, Massachusetts?

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| Yes | 405 |
| No | 500 |
| Blanks | 47 |

Question No. 9 - Shall Senator from this District be instructed to sponsor and support a resolution calling for closing and dismantling of nuclear power plants in Rowe, Massachusetts, and Vernon, Vermont?

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| Yes | 244 |
| No | 661 |
| Blanks | 47 |

After the reading of the above results, the meeting was dissolved.

ATTEST: Horace F. Field

TOWN CLERK

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

December 17, 1974

Approximately 18 voters assembled in accordance with the Warrant, and the meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Mr. Corys M. Heselton, Moderator. Rev. Arthur J. Green gave the invocation.

Article 1. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Building Code Board of Appeals for the purpose of hearing appeals pertaining to a Building Inspector's actions in accord with the provisions contained in the State Building Code, Section 126.8, which will become effective on January 1, 1975, and that said Board will consist of five (5) members, one member to be appointed for five (5) years, one member for four (4) years, one member for three (3) years, one member for two (2) years, and one member to serve for one (1) year, and thereafter, each new member is to serve for five (5) years or until his successor has been appointed.

Article 2. VOTED: That the Town establish a Bicentennial Commission of five (5) residents of the Town, and authorize the Selectmen to appoint the same for the purpose of selecting projects in anticipation of the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the American Revolution, said residents to be appointed on the basis of geographical representation of the Town of Northfield, and to serve without compensation at the pleasure of said Selectmen.

Article 3. VOTED: That the Town amend Article VI, Section 1 of the Town's Traffic Rules and Regulations to authorize, in accordance with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works, the erection and maintenance of isolated stop signs to face north and southbound traffic on East Street at Warwick Avenue.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST: Horace F. Field

TOWN CLERK

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the County of Franklin, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the

TOWN HALL

in said Northfield on Monday the seventh day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in their votes by ballot for the following officers for the coming year:

Town Clerk for one year, Moderator for one year, one Selectman for three years, one Assessor for three years, Tax Collector for three years, one School Committee Member for three years, one Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee Member for three years, two Library Trustees for three years, one Library Trustee for one year, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, one Planning Board Member for five years, one Planning Board Member for two years, one Board of Health Member for three years, one Sewer Commissioner for three years, three Recreation Commissioners for three years, two Recreation Commissioners for two years, two Recreation Commissioners for one year, and,

QUESTION

Shall licenses be granted in this Town for the operation, holding or conducting a game commonly called Beano? Yes

No

The polls will open at ten A.M. and close at eight P.M.

And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, April 8, 1975 at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to hear and act upon the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards, Committees, Commissioners and Trustees, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 4 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the current fiscal year beginning July 1, 1975, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one (1) year, and under the pro - visions of Chapter 44, Section 17, to renew any such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one (1) year, any debt or incurred hereunder to be paid from the revenue of the said fiscal year, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 5, Clauses 16 and 16A of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to employ legal counsel for general purposes and to prosecute or bring suits for the Town and to defend the Town in any suit or other legal action brought against the Town, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 100E of the General Laws of Massachusetts, as amended, to indemnify the Selectmen and any other municipal officers designated by the Board of Selectmen for expense or damages incurred by such an official or officer in the defense or settlement of a claim against him, provided such claim arose when such official or officer was acting within the scope of his official duties or employment, and further provided that the defense or settlement of such claim shall have been made by the Town Counsel, or by an attorney legally employed for the purpose by the Town, or by an attorney furnished by an insurer obligated under the terms of a policy of insurance to defend the Town against such claim, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 108 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, as amended, to fix the salaries of all elected officials for Fiscal Year '76, and raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money therefor, and further raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town and for other necessary charges, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

APPROPRIATIONS:

| | | FY 1976 |
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| Moderator, Salary & Expense | | $ 90.00 |
| Selectmen | | 2600.00 |
| Chairman | $900.00 | |
| Other members | 850.00 | |
| Expense | | 2000.00 |
| Secretary | | 1573.00 |
| Accountant | | 2025.00 |
| Expense | | 100.00 |
| Legal Expense | | 3300.00 |
| Treasurer | | 2025.00 |
| Expense | | 1100.00 |
| Tax Collector | | 1910.00 |
| Expense | | 1500.00 |
| Tax Title Foreclosure Costs | | 350.00 |
| Protection of Tax Title Property | | 25.00 |
| Assessors | | 2300.00 |
| Chairman | $800.00 | |
| Others | 750.00 | |
| Expense | | 1500.00 |
| Town Clerk | | 1225.00 |
| Expense | | 200.00 |
| Election & Registration | | 2500.00 |
| Planning Board Expense | | 700.00 |
| Board of Appeals Expense | | 250.00 |
| Nurse & Substitute | | 7760.00 |

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| Nurse's Expense | 500.00 |
| Clerk | 3146.00 |
| Car Expense | 700.00 |
| Inspection of Animals | 450.00 |
| Sewer Commissioners Salary | 555.00 |
| Each Commissioner $185.00 | |
| Sewer Commission Expense | 75.00 |
| Operation & Maintenance of Sewers | 22415.00 |
| Highway Supt. Expense | 350.00 |
| Highway Tools | 500.00 |
| Highway Sick Leave, Vacations, Holidays | 6292.00 |
| Sidewalks | 2000.00 |
| Street Lights | 24000.00 |
| Highway Bounds, Surveys, Street Lists | 50.00 |
| Soldier's Relief | 4500.00 |
| Elementary School Committee Salaries | 450.00 |
| Finance Committee Expenses | 125.00 |
| Town Hall | 9000.00 |
| Police Chief Salary | 11500.00 |
| Special Police Salaries | 5200.00 |
| Police Dept. Operating Exp. & Equip. | 7000.00 |
| Police Dept. Secretary | 1573.00 |
| Conservation Commission Expense | 150.00 |
| Fire Dept. Salaries | 585.00 |
| Fire Dept. Operating Expense | 7500.00 |
| Fire Dept. Hose & Equipment | 2000.00 |
| Hydrants | 500.00 |
| Water Holes | 1000.00 |
| Maintenance of Fire Station | 3000.00 |
| Public Safety | 50.00 |
| Wire Inspector | 100.00 |
| Tree Trimming & Planting | 2000.00 |
| Dutch Elm Control | 2000.00 |
| Dog Officer & Expense | 350.00 |
| Board of Health | 555.00 |
| Each Member $185.00 | |
| Health | 2000.00 |
| Dump Control | 9500.00 |
| PVRS School Committee Expense | 100.00 |
| Elementary Schools | 339523.00 |
| PVRS Capital | 21855.99 |
| PVRS Operating | 414653.16 |
| Town Reports | 1500.00 |
| Memorial & Veterans Day | 450.00 |
| Alexander Hall | 400.00 |
| Insurance | 18000.00 |
| Chapter 32B | 14000.00 |
| Town Clock | 150.00 |
| Land Damage | 100.00 |
| Historical Society Building | 200.00 |
| Fence Viewers, Pound Keepers, Field Drivers | 25.00 |
| Maintenance of Athletic Field | 400.00 |
| Recreation Commission Program | 6360.00 |
| Cemeteries | 5000.00 |
| Slate House | 500.00 |
| Interest | 100.00 |

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| Historical Commission | 175.00 |
| Building Commissioner | 3300.00 |
| Expense | 265.00 |
| Dickinson Memorial Library | 16686.00 |
| Field Library | 250.00 |

The Finance Committee recommends.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to appoint one of their members as Clerk of and to the Board of Assessors, in accord with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 4A of the Massachusetts General Laws, and/or to employ a Clerk, and for this purpose, to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for the salary of such employee, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,485.00.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend any and all funds available under the provisions of Chapter 765 of the Acts of 1972, an Act providing funds for Chapter 90-type construction projects, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer from available unappropriated funds the sum of $36,626.00.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 1 of Chapter 825 of the Acts of 1974 and to further vote to accept the sum of $19,424.00 already received by the Town under this section, and to further accept and expend any further amounts received under this Section and Chapter during Fiscal Year '76, all to be used for construction and general maintenance of streets and bridges throughout the Town, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer from Chapter 825, Section 1 the sum of $38,848.00.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to accept any and all funds available under the provisions of Section 3 of Chapter 825 of the Acts of 1974, an Act providing funds for the general treasury of the Town, to be used as reimbursement for any purpose, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for constructing, maintaining and policing Town streets or roads, including all operations on the travelled way, as set forth in Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1971, such sum or sums to be expended in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth under the provisions of said Act, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of $45,000.00 from available unappropriated funds.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from its Machinery Earnings Account Fund any sum or sums of money therein, to its General Highway Account for purposes specified but not limited to those contained in Article 10 of the within Warrant, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer any sum or sums of money provided by the County, designated as the 'Dog Fund', to the Dickinson Memorial Library in accord with the provisions of Chapter 140, Section 172, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $986.63 for public Library purposes, which amount is to be allocated to public libraries within the Town of Northfield, which sum is to be reimbursed to the Town by the Commonwealth in accord with the provisions of Chapter 760 of the Acts of 1960, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of $986.63.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for indexing and further microfilming of Town or historical records or memorabilia of the Town's history and development, to be expended under the direction of the Dickinson Library Trustees, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of $500.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide any sum or sums of money to purchase fish to be liberated into the streams of the Town of Northfield, under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of $300.00.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a contract with David Quinn of Northfield, Massachusetts, or his nominee, to provide ambulance service to residents of the Town, such contract to be for a term not to exceed one (1) year, for an amount not to exceed Five Thousand ($5,000.00) Dollars, and on such other terms and conditions as the Selectmen shall determine, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of $5,000.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept from the Northfield Mount Hermon School, a Massachusetts Corporation, a sum of $2,000.00 to be appropriated for and applied to the Town expenditure for Fiscal Year 176 under the Town's contract for the provision of ambulance service, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Overlay Reserve, any sum or sums of money for a Reserve Fund for the current fiscal year as provided by Chapter 59, Section 25 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer from the Overlay Reserve the sum of $5,000.00 for a Reserve Fund.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for the Town's share of the Franklin County Technical School District, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of $49,454.69.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for the purpose of contracting with the Community Awareness Council, Inc. for the Town's share in furthering the Community Awareness Council's programs in health, education, recreation and communications, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,640.00.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for the purpose of providing Mental Health and Retardation services for citizens of the Town, and that any sum so appropriated be transferred to the Franklin-Hampshire Area Board Trust Fund under the direction and approval of the School Committee or the Board of Health, or under their joint direction, or whomever else may be designated by the Board of Selectmen, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,631.00.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to establish the Annual Election and Town Meeting of the Town to be held on the first Monday and Tuesday in May of each year beginning with the next Annual Election and Town Meeting in May of 1976, all in accord with the provisions contained in Chapter 39, Section 9 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for the purchase of a 3-man custom pumper fire truck and related equipment and appurtenances to be used by the Northfield Fire Department, and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to exchange or otherwise dispose of the current 1953 Maxim Fire Truck, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee does not recommend.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money to provide a new dump truck and related equipment for the Highway Department of the Town, and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen within their discretion, to exchange or otherwise

dispose of the current 1969 Ford dump truck, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of $17,000.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 149, Section 33C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, relating to overtime pay for certain Town employees who work in excess of their regular number of maximum hours per week, as regulated by law, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Board of Appeals for the purpose of hearing appeals from decisions of the Planning Board, all in accord with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 81Z, said Board to consist of five (5) members and three (3) alternates, one member to be appointed for five (5) years, one for four (4) years, one for three (3) years, one for two (2) years, and one for one (1) year, and each alternate to be appointed annually, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to hear the report of the Committee appointed to study the Cemetery needs of the Town, including acquisition of additional land therefor, and further to see if the Town will vote to transfer any sum or sums of money from the Cemetery Fund of the Town required for the purchase and development of the following parcel of land to be used for the enlargement of the West Northfield Cemetery located on Mt. Hermon Station Road, and to accept a deed therefor from the recorded owner thereof, said land to be under the sole care, supervision and management of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners serving in their duly elected capacity, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto:

"Fifty (50) feet more or less on the southerly side of the present West Northfield Cemetery site for the entire east-west length of the Cemetery, four hundred (400) feet more or less."

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide any sum or sums of money for the Franklin County Senior Services Project, Incorporated, a non-profit organization, for the purpose of sharing in the cost of operating the Senior Citizens Hot Lunch Program in the Town of Northfield, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,750.00.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to establish the Town Moderator's term of office from one year to three years, said term to commence at the Annual Election to be held in May of 1976, all in accord with the provisions of Chapter 39, Section 14 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for the purpose of aerial spraying of wetland areas to dispose of the larvae and adult mosquitoes, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,800.00.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the regulations as prescribed by the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of qualifying for eligibility in the Federal Flood Insurance Program, a copy of which is on file at the office of the Town Clerk, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide any sum or sums of money for the purpose of painting the exterior of the so-called Historical Society Building located within the Town, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of $1,400.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide any sum or sums of money for the purpose of adding to the Stabilization Fund of the Town established under Section 5B of Chapter 40 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of $10,000.00 from available unappropriated funds.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell at private or public sale, personal property of the Town, valued at not more than $1500.00, and to further vote to authorize said Board of Selectmen to sell at public auction real property acquired by the Town under tax title procedure in accord with Massachusetts General Laws, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for the purpose of renovating the Town Hall, including painting either the interior or exterior, or both, of said building, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of $1,500.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to rescind a certain vote passed at the Annual Town Meeting held on March 4, 1969, wherein it was voted under Article 39 thereof, to borrow a sum of $369,000.00 for the construction of sewage treatment and disposal facilities throughout the Town, all in accord with the provisions contained in Chapter 44, Section 8 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to rescind a certain vote passed at the Annual Town Meeting held on March 2, 1971, wherein it was voted under Article 21 thereof to borrow a sum not to exceed $215,000.00 for the construction of sewage treatment and disposal facilities and related interceptor sewers and for the purchase of easements and licenses as may be required, all in accord with the provisions contained in Chapter 44, Section 8 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available unappropriated funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for the purchase of a multi-purpose, multi-channel, multi-band radio monitor for the Police Department of the

Town, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of $250.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available unappropriated funds, or otherwise provide any sum or sums of money to be used by the Northfield Bicentennial Commission as expense money in the pursuance of arrangements for the observance of the Town's Bicentennial Celebration, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of $100.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available unappropriated funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money to provide for additional or improved street lighting within the Town, all in accord with a plan or plans on file with the Board of Selectmen, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to increase the number of members of the Northfield Elementary School Committee from three to five, said increase to take effect at the Annual Election to be held in May of 1976, all in accord with the provisions contained in Chapter 41, Section 1 of the General Laws, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to rescind a certain vote passed under Article 35 of the Annual Town Meeting held March 4,1969, wherein it was voted to print the Town Tax Valuation Book in years divisable by five, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to print the Town Tax Valuation Book in the year 1976, and to further raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money for that purpose, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00.

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to appoint all of their members as employees of said Board for the purpose of re-assessing the Town's taxable properties in accord with an order of the Massachusetts Department of Corporations and Taxation, and for this purpose, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available unappropriated funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for salaries of such employees, all in accord with Chapter 41, Section 4A of the General Laws, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of $5,000.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning By-Law designated as Section 5(f) and entitled: "Moratorium By-Law" by deleting the same in its entirety, and substituting therefor, the following, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto:

"(f) No multiple family dwelling or dwellings within the Town of Northfield, which for this section shall mean a structure with more than one (1) family residing therein, shall be here-

after erected or constructed for a period not to exceed one (1) year from the date of the passage of this Zoning By-Law Amendment. Inasmuch as the Town of Northfield is still in the process of formulating its Master Plan for future development and it is desired to protect said Town pending its final adoption, a moratorium on the issuance of building permits for construction of dwelling units in excess of one (1) family is hereby in effect for said period of time. Nothing herein shall affect the operation or effectiveness of any provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A."

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Assessors to use from available funds, any sum or sums of money for the purpose of reducing the tax levy for Fiscal Year '76, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the U. S. Post Office in Northfield, the Dickinson Library, the Field Library, Northfield Farms, and the 'Barnes' Service Station, West Northfield, in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-fifth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy five.

SELECTMEN OF NORTHFIELD

Thomas J. Russell, Jr., Chairman
Frederick J. Billiel
Carolyn B. Parenteau

A True copy ATTEST:

CONSTABLE

Joseph G. Morgan

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